



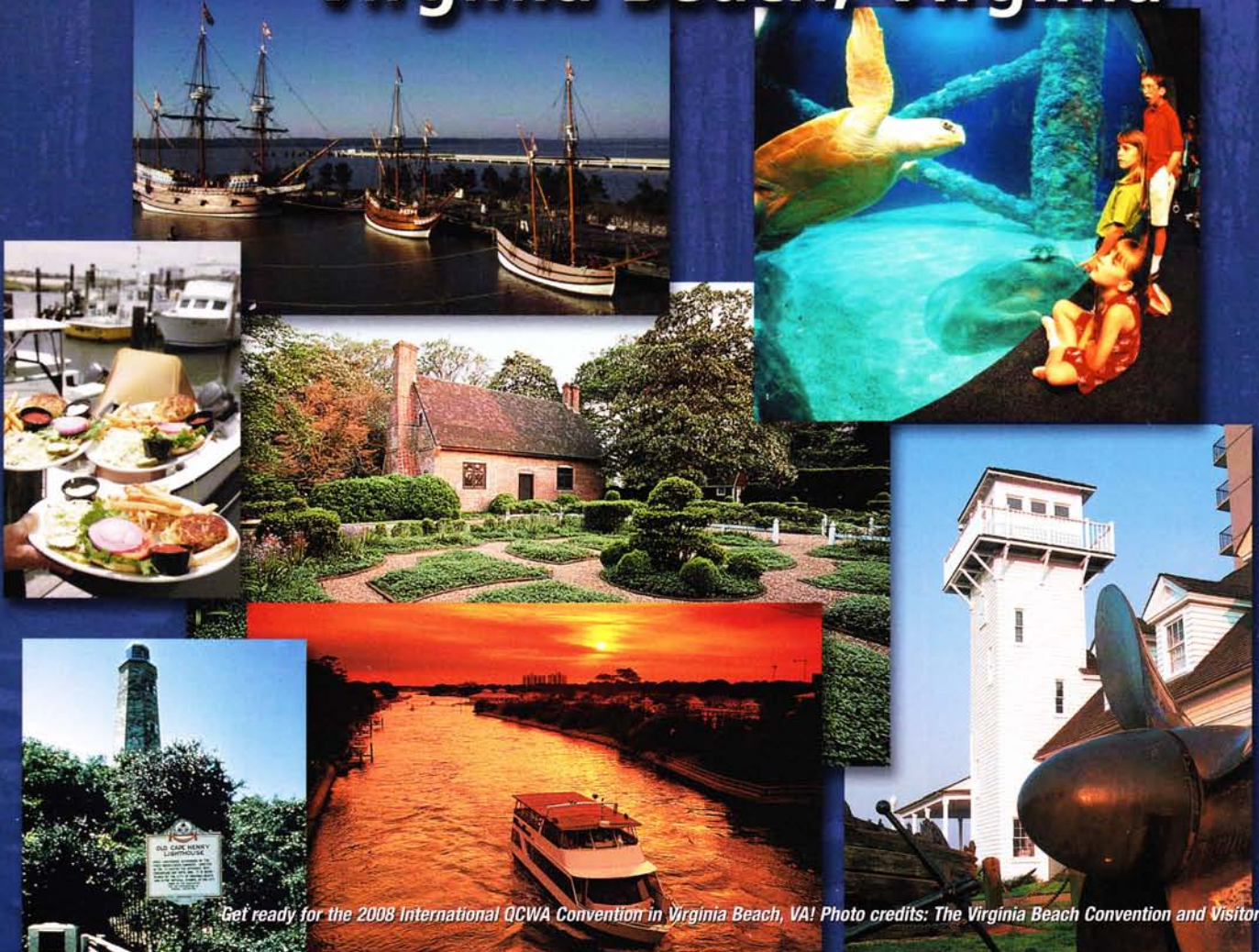
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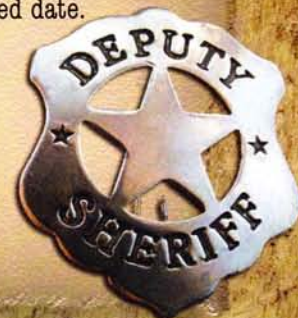
THERE ARE NEW LAWMEN IN TOWN!

Sheriff Val Erwin, W5PUT, and Marshal Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, both QCWA Directors, are offering a \$250 "bounty" to the QCWA Member that recruits the most NEW QCWA Members in a given quarter. In order to accomplish this feat, the Sheriff and Marshal hereby deputize each QCWA Member as a deputy! Following announcement in this first quarter edition of the 2008 QCWA Journal, the "hunt" for new Members begins in the second quarter (April 1 through July 31) The "hunt", with a single bounty award for each quarter, continues for a total of four (4) quarters. The winning deputy will be announced in each succeeding issue of the Journal for the previous quarter.

The Rules:

1. The Officers and Directors of the QCWA at the National level are ineligible.
2. Only current Members in good standing are eligible to apply for and receive the bounty as a deputy.
3. An individual deputy may only win the \$250 bounty a single time during the duration of the contest over multiple quarters.
4. Only NEW Members recruited during each applicable quarter are eligible to be counted by deputies for credit.
5. Special Conditions: Renewing Members are eligible to become a deputy the first day of the month following their effective renewal.
6. No intermixing of recruited Members is allowed between quarters.
7. Application is made by submitting the list of recruited Members to the GM, Chuck Walbridge, by the 15th of the month following the end of the Quarter you wish to claim. All new membership applications claimed must have reached QCWA Headquarters by the end of that quarter.
8. The new Member's names on the submitted list MUST agree with the names on the new application form(s) to include the "Proposed by" line.
9. The applying deputy must have proposed the NEW Member in order for it to be counted.
10. The General Manager will be the final authority on the award of the four bounties: 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarter of 2008; 1st quarter of 2009.
11. In case of dual winning entries, the winner will be determined by the earliest postmarked date.
12. The QCWA deputy that wins for each quarter will have his/her name announced in the QCWA Journal and will receive a QCWA check in the mail for \$250.00.

By Order of the Sheriff and the Marshal





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1972 - 1973

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1974 - 1977

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1982 - 1985

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1986 - 1989

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1989 - 1994

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It is important that we pause annually to reflect upon just whom it is among us that we admire as our role models in helping to fulfill each of the five principles establishing the very basis and purpose for the type of amateur service our FCC expects us to provide in return for being allowed to use some highly valuable radio spectrum. It is an honor, therefore, to announce the recipients of my Section 97.1 Presidential Honor Awards for such achievements during 2007.

Section 97.1(a). For service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications: Mike McClanahan, W3RMM, of our Del-Mar-Va Chapter No. 150 for his work as the RACES Coordinator for the City of Lewes, DE.

Section 97.1(b). For continuing and extending the amateur operator's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art: Norm Gertz, K1AA, of our Citrus Chapter No. 45.

Section 97.1(d). For expanding the existing reservoir within our amateur service of trained operators, technicians and electronic experts: Chip Morgan, N3IW, of our York County Chapter No. 165.

Section 97.1(e). For continuing and extending the amateur operator's unique ability to enhance international goodwill: Ken McKee, W3RFQ, of our Chesapeake Chapter No. 20.

It is also a great pleasure to announce the recipients of distinctive Presidential Honors Awards for 2008: Roberta and Mort Cohen, WA2ARS; and Al La Peter, W2AS, for their outstanding efforts as the Tally Committee in our 2008 elections. Robert Zeida, N1BLF, for providing audio recordings of our QCWA Journal for use by our hearing impaired members. Allen Tinker, W1AAT, for his effort in the State of Vermont to mentor new amateurs and his work with Vermont/New Hampshire Emergency Communications Coordinators.

Congratulations to all of our Award recipients!

This is my final column as I move to the position as your Immediate Past-President on September 1st. It has been a very gratifying experience to serve on your QCWA Board of Directors for the past eight years. Special thanks go to two associates who served along side of me during the entire experience: Len Nathanson and Chuck Walbridge. More thanks go to all of those many QCWA members who served as our officers, directors, committee members and advisors sometime during my tenure. Thanks also to our Chapter officers. You are the ones who made it all happen like it is supposed to happen.

Thanks to all of the Chapters who invited me to visit with them and permitted me to help fly our QCWA banner at hamfests. Last, but not least, thank YOU, our QCWA members, for making our hobby the greatest in the World.

My very hearty congratulations and best wishes to our incoming officers and directors.

73 DE W3BE SK

The Quarter Century Wireless Association

The Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc. was founded December 5, 1947, as a non-commercial association of radio amateurs organized for the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio communication and experimentation, for the establishment and advancement of the radio art and of the public welfare.

QCWA is an incorporated association without capital stock chartered under the laws of the State of New York, and is a tax exempt 501(C)3 organization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Its affairs are governed by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Board of Directors, whose voting members are elected every two years by the general membership.

In order to qualify for membership in QCWA one must have demonstrable proof of having been first licensed as an Amateur Radio operator at least 25 years prior to application for membership and must be currently licensed. Membership inquiries and general correspondence should be addressed to the business office at P.O. Box 3247, Framingham, MA 01705-3247 U.S.A. Telephone: 508-405-1930
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TWO NEW CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARDS!

Believing that strong active Chapters are one of the best foundations for sparking local QCWA interest as well as retaining and bringing in new members and creating a great social camaraderie, the QCWA Board of Directors and the Chapter Relations Standing Committee are pleased to announce two new Chapter of the Year Awards:

- **Distinguished Service Chapter of the Year Award**
- **Meritorious Chapter of the Year Award**

Your Chapter's reception of either/both of the above awards will command recognition, honor and pride!

CRITERION FOR CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARDS:

1. Distinguished Service Chapter of the Year Award

This is awarded to a single Chapter contributing in a significant manner to their community, Amateur radio, and QCWA. This Award is bestowed upon a Chapter with SEVERAL of their members participating in a community project or event that brings favorable recognition to QCWA. Wild Rose Chapter 151's International Space Station contact in 2005 would be an excellent example.

2. Meritorious Chapter of the Year Award

This is awarded to a single Chapter that demonstrates the most Chapter improvement, growth, participation within/by the Chapter itself. Participation could be in QCWA QSO parties, QCWA nets, or the most Chapter representation at a Convention for a few examples.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARDS will commence on June 1, 2008 and continue until further notice by the QCWA Chapter Relations Standing Committee.

The Chapter of the Year Awards challenge will run from June 1 to May 31 of each Year. All Chapter accomplishments/feats must be performed within this time frame to be eligible.

Application for either/both Chapter of the Year Awards shall come from the respective Chapters in the form of a self-nomination with supporting documentation as to why they would be most eligible for the Award honor. The documentation must have the Chapter President and at least one ADDITIONAL officer's signature on the submitted materials. The materials must be submitted by mail or E-mailed to the Chair of the Chapter Relations Standing Committee to arrive no later than July 1 after the contest year ends. (Addresses available on the QCWA Website or QRZ.Com.)

Within a three-year period, a previous Chapter of the Year Award winner may reapply for a SECOND Chapter of the Year Award provided that the SECOND Award being applied for is a different type Award. It is not mandatory that either/both awards be awarded in any given year.

Determination of the winner(s) of the Chapter of the Year Awards will be made by the Chapter Relations Committee and the General Manager as Advisor from submitted nominations.

Chapter Relations Committee Members and any National QCWA Board Members shall automatically be disqualified from comments and voting if ANY of his/her affiliated Chapters are in contention for the award because of a potential conflict of interest.

Each award will be a plaque stating the chapter's accomplishment. If possible, presentation of the Chapter of the Year Awards will be made at the QCWA National Convention to those chapter members in attendance. Also, an announcement of the chapter's accomplishment will be placed in the QCWA Journal and on the QCWA Website with a chapter-provided photo.

GENERAL MANAGER'S Report

Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD



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DAYTON HAMVENTION: Dayton is once again a memory. A complete report, and photos of the activities, will be posted on the web page and the fall issue of the Journal. As usual, the aisles were full of hams loaded down with the "goodies" we all like to bring home. It's always great to again meet many old and new QCWA members. Thanks to all of those who assisted at the booth including my wife, Jan, who, with a smile on her face, handles the membership records.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JOURNAL: It's time again to remind those members who submit Chapter Reports, of the preferred file format for text and photos.

Strive to keep reports under 500 words maximum and two photos per report. The Publications committee has defined these limits to provide as much space in the Journal for as many reports as possible. Most text formats are acceptable (doc, RFT, txt) except files saved from Microsoft Works. If you use that program, please either save the file as a text file or make the text part of an e-mail message. Microsoft Works is a format that is not universally read by other word processors. Even the new Word format is acceptable, as translators are now available.

Preferred format for photos is jpg. Sending the photos at the maximum resolution, not computer screen resolution, is very important for quality reproduction in the Journal. Being limited to a dialup Internet connection can be very frustrating when trying to send large files, which you encounter with photos. In those cases, send a print that we will scan for use in the Journal. A second option would be to save the files (text and photos) to a CD and mail it to Headquarters.

And PLEASE include your chapter number as part of the file name, both text and photos. It is too easy to suddenly find a "lonesome" photo or text file. Add captions to photos – as a chapter member submitting the report, you know the members better than we do. If you are the member who is submitting the report, put your name, call and chapter office. It lets other readers know who submitted the material.

ELECTION 2008: As a reminder, the 2008 election ballots must be mailed in time to be received by the tellers no later than July 15th. Place first-class postage on the return portion of the ballot; the rate for the US will be increasing to 42 cents in May. Check local rates for Canadian/International first class mail. Headquarters will notify the newly-elected Officers/Directors on August 1st. Results of the voting for Officers/Directors and the proposed Constitution change will be in the fall issue of the Journal and posted on the QCWA web page.

UNSUNG HEROS: The nature of QCWA's business is such that we use mail (USPS or other mail services) for nearly all of our exchanges with members. That means labels for packages and envelopes of various sizes. Thanks to our member, Bill Saddler, W8WWS, our "bottom line cost" has been helped the past several years by Bill's donations of mailing labels for use in the Office. Bill, your generosity has certainly eased the strain on the QCWA budget!

RECRUITING RESOURCE: A common question received at Headquarters is how to find new members for the chapter. At the end of each month, a list of new QCWA members is posted on the web page by name, call, city and state. Each Journal repeats the lists for the previous three months. Please use this resource to help locate members near your location.

I can also search the member database for a range of ZIP codes for members. Send me the range of Zip codes in your area and I'll send an Excel file or printed copy of members living in that range.

That's it for this quarter. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Convention in Virginia Beach hosted by Chapter 119!

73, Chuck, K1IGD

Election Bio Addendum: Presidential candidate Len Nathanson, W8RC, served as Vice-President from 2006 to 2008.

75-Year Award Winners!

Charles Anderson, NF3X
 Fred Baines, Jr., W7NK
 Walter Bernadyn, W2FP
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 Chester Ports, W5AJS
 Allen Richter, W4PHL
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 Jerry Stover, W5AE
 Wallace Traver, W7UK
 Donald Yeich, W3DMM*

Additional photos are
 included with various Chapter Reports
 * Silent Key after Award sent



Fred Baines, Jr., W7NK

Jack (Fred) Baines, W7NK

Jack's introduction to ham radio was in his hometown of Sheridan, WY. To learn the code, he, and two other teenagers, hired a railroad telegrapher to send them Morse code for 25 cents a day.

After receiving his license in 1933, W7DCO, his first transmitter was a spark-gap transmitter made from a Ford spark coil. He saw an ad in QST saying that the Coast Guard was looking for radiomen. He traveled to Seattle, WA to join but was rejected because he was underweight. After traveling back home, he met a Wyoming

State Senator and told him the story. A few days later, the Senator told him to go back to Seattle, where he was finally allowed to join the Coast Guard. He was sent to New London, CT to attend radio school but spent his time teaching code to the new recruits.

One of his postings was to the Philippines, after the Amelia Earhart incident. An officer asked if he could learn the Japanese code and he said, "Yes." He was given a Japanese codebook, which had 74 characters! He would copy the code as the Japanese ships would pass and every few weeks would give the copy to a passing Naval ship. In letters home to his mother, he said, "...we will be in a war with Japan within four years". He was right. He was sent to a number of Navy schools including gunnery school, fire control and radar. His posting during the war was as the Communications Officer on a troop carrier.

Jack retired from the Coast Guard in 1950 to continue his ham activities.

Elmer Ebersol, Jr., W2PPM

I got my Ham license when a sophomore in high school in February, 1933, and my Ham experience caused me to want to be a radio engineer. I received my BS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois in 1939.

My father drove me and two friends to Chicago in our Model T Ford in late 1932 to take the Amateur Radio Test for a Class B License at the Radio Inspector's office. We all passed the test and I got the call W9MHQ. A year later and after 10000 contacts on CW, I passed the test for my Class A license which allowed me to use phone as well as CW. I've been on phone almost ever since, on 10, 20, 40 and 80, but mostly on 20 meters. The first few years I built all of my equipment—receivers and transmitters. My first commercial receiver was a National FB7-A with plug-in coils.

I was teaching electronics and radar to Army, Air Force and Navy officers at MIT in December, 1941. I purchased a Hallicrafter's S-28 receiver at the first and only Radio Shack in downtown Boston on Dec.

11, 1941. As soon as I turned it on, I got the message that all Hams were silenced for the duration of World War II. After the war, I got call W2PPM which I have held ever since. In 1951, I received a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Teacher's College, Columbia University. I was Editor of Electronic Equipment Engineering magazine, also Editor of Microwaves and Laser Technology plus other editorial positions over a 25 year period. I retired in 1983 from Volkswagen of America as Editor of Service Publications.

Besides Ham Radio, I have had hobbies



Helge Erickson, W7DIV*

of music (piano, violin and pipe organ and tenor voice), car restoration (mostly Volkswagens and Mercedes) and extensive work in Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

My present Ham rig is an ICOM 706 and 400W solid-state linear, used both in the car and at fixed locations.

Helge Erickson, W7DIV

Helge Erickson almost burned his house down trying to build a short-wave receiver as a kid 80 years ago. His early fascination with radio broadcasts quickly turned into a lifelong hobby that recently earned him the 75th Anniversary Award from the Quarter Century Wireless Association.

Bob Maxfield, a fellow radio enthusiast and former Aberdeen, WA police chief, presented the Award to Erickson in his room at the Pacific Care Center in Hoquiam, where the 96-year-old still tunes in to listen to radio amateur conversations.

Erickson has won many awards throughout the years for his involvement in the Lion's Club, the Olympian Hiking Club and the Polson Museum. He often served as a photographer, a volunteer, a conservationist, or a combination of all three.

The lifelong Hoquiam, WA resident took a special interest in his uncle's battery-operated broadcast receiver at the age of 14. "I was amazed and fascinated by what came out of the little box," he has commented.

Erickson graduated from high school in 1931 where he took special math classes to better understand how radio transmitters and receivers worked. In 1933, he traveled to Seattle to take an amateur license test. The test required him to pass a code and written test. "The written test was three hours and we had to explain the operation of a vacuum tube plus how a radio receiver is built and operates. We had to draw

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Congratulations To Everyone!



Elmer Ebersol, Jr., W2PPM

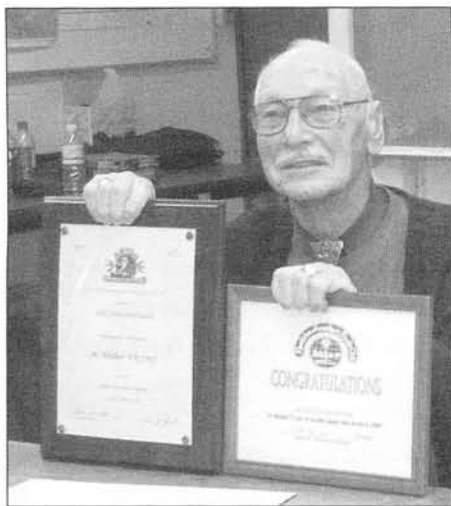
schematic diagrams of radio receivers and transmitters." After the test, he hitchhiked home, later receiving his license and call sign, W7DIV.

Over the years as an operator, Erickson has used his skills to transmit messages for the military, coordinate emergency broadcasts and work in radio maintenance.

Clifford Lundquist, W6NSN

I was born 02/15/1910, on a farm near Fort Riley Kansas. In 1920 the Lundquist family moved to Manhattan, where I went to school. In one of my freshman year classes, in high school, two friends sitting behind me were tapping on their desks. After class I asked what they were doing. They told me that they were sending Morse code and were talking about the crystal radio receivers they had built. One of them drew me a sketch of their receiver, gave me a small piece of galena crystal and told me how I could get copper wire from an old Ford car ignition coil etc. I put all the stuff together and used my mother's clothesline for an aerial. I was able to receive two radio stations, KSAC and KFKB. From that time on I lived only for radio. That was indeed the beginning of a lifetime career.

- In 1928 I graduated from Manhattan High School • 1931 I graduated from the National Radio Institute, a correspondence school, in Washington DC • 1932 Radio repair shop in Kipps Music and Electrics store • I also joined The U.S. Navy Volunteer Communication Reserve • 1933 FCC Advanced Class Amateur Radio Station License W9NOG. First contact 07/01/33 • 1935 Training ship USS Hawk on Lake Michigan • 1942 Naval Research Laboratory, Washington DC. W3TKV • 1946 Received FCC First Class Radio Telephone Operators License • 1949 Patuxent Naval Air Station, Maryland, Electronics Engineer • 1950 National Bureau of Standards, Wash.



Al Miller, VE7KC

DC • 1951 Naval Ordnance Laboratory, Corona, CA. W6NSN • 1971 Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, CA. (Retired).

Al Miller, VE7KC

One of British Columbia's oldest Amateur Radio Operators and still active on the ham bands is 92-year-old Al Miller, VE7KC. A longtime member of QCWA, Al was recently presented with his 75-Year Award from QCWA and a Congratulations Award from the local ham club, the Penticton Amateur Radio Club.

Al started his Amateur Radio career; yes, radio became his career, at the young age of 17 in 1933. In those days his assigned callsign was VE5KC. Eventually, British Columbia was given VE7 callsigns and Al became VE7KC (his callsign to this day, and proudly displayed on his vehicle license plate). Al is fully mobile. During his DOT career he had the callsign, VE8ZZ while stationed at Frobisher on Baffin Island.

Al's radio career started in the 1930s as an operator on a hydrographic survey ship when he obtained his Second Class Operators (commercial) Certificate. In 1941, Al was turned down for military service but the Canadian Department of Transport who operated air and marine radio services were desperately looking for experienced operators. Al worked for the DOT until his retirement in 1973. His last job was maintenance supervisor for the Penticton, BC area. Just another great example of Amateur Radio influencing peoples lives.

William Percival, W2NF

It all started in my freshman year at Linden, N.J. High School, where I came in contact with several older "hams" who enjoyed the ham radio experience. With their guidance and reading several books on the subject, I

was "bitten" and after studying, practicing copying Morse code, etc., I ventured forth to the Federal Radio Commission office in New York City, I passed the tests on the first try, and then awaited the mail for my first "ticket" as W2GCV.

My interest in radio operation led me to accept work in 1934, after High School graduation, with the Arcturus Radio Tube Co, in Newark, NJ as a "tube tester". Shortly thereafter, I was fortunate to meet Al Stobbe, W2WZ, Vice President of Arcturus, and years later one of my five required "sponsors" when applying to take the exams for NJ license as a "Professional Engineer". Shortly thereafter, I passed further Federal tests for Commercial Radio Telephone and Radio Telegraph. Several months later, due to the unfortunate death of the foreman of the chemical products department, I was named as his replacement. At this point in time (three months prior to my twenty-first birthday) I now supervised 88 people. In this assignment, I learned more about chemical products for electron tubes, such as coated cathodes "drag-coated" filaments (heaters), etching inks, basing cements, etc. A year or so later, I became one of the five or six factory engineers responsible for a group of tube types.

Unfortunately, a year or so later, Arcturus announced bankruptcy resulting from pricing competition from RCA and others. Several of my former Arcturus associates had joined GE Tube Division, at Schenectady, NY, and when a need arose for an engineer skilled in cathode coatings and other chemical products, they mentioned my background experience at Arcturus. I eventually joined GE Schenectady Tube Division.

At war's end, I left GE and returned to New Jersey. Within a few days, I visited with Federal Telephone and Radio. After brief discussions with management and verification of my GE and other background, I started work a few days later in charge of manufacturing of tube types for airborne radar. When this contract was completed, I became Quality Control Manager for the department for the tube division producing tubes from air-cooled diodes and triodes to 750 kilowatt water-cooled "triode monomers" for broadcast stations and other various industrial applications.

Some interesting experiences in ham radio over the years has included numerous contacts with the "South pole" expeditions. My last station contacted with "Operation Deep Freeze", included a phone-patch to his "mom" in Buffalo, NY. There were several other South Pole contacts over the years and several others to Russian expeditions at Noya Zeima, near the North Pole.

In Memory of Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF

1906 - 2008

Ralph was born in New York City in 1906, and had been a resident of Bergen County New Jersey since 1909. He attended school in Ridgefield Park and also resided in Wyckoff and West Englewood before moving to Glen Rock in 1968.

Ralph's interest in radio started in 1918 when he visited a classmate who had a gadget he called a "wireless" receiver. Ralph became intrigued by the dots and dashes that came from the gadget. At the time, they seemed to come from the Brooklyn Navy Yard, which they probably did.

His first receiver was the "classic" oatmeal box coil wound with #24 wire. An older brother, who was an electrical contractor, contributed the wire. A crystal detector—a piece of galena and a cat whisker—and a telephone receiver completed the receiver. Once again, big brother came to the rescue with 100 feet of #14 wire for an antenna and, as insisted by his father, a double-throw knife switch for lightning protection!

After the receiver, came the transmitter via the usual Ford spark coil. Using his initials as his call, common in those days, Ralph was on the air. Taking the suggestion of a local ham, Ralph took his exam at the Custom House in New York and became 2CVF; the year was 1922. This call was held by Ralph for over 80 years.

He was employed for 32 years by General Offset Co., Inc. in New York City, and at the time of his retirement, in 1970, was the Secretary-Treasurer and a Director of that Corporation.

During the cold war, in the early 1950s, he was instrumental in organizing the Bergen County Civil Defense Radio Network and was County Radio Officer and Communications Coordinator at that time.

Ralph was one of the initial founding Charter Members of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc. which was founded in 1947. Recognizing his years of service to the ham radio community and the QCWA, Ralph was presented with a 50-Year Anniversary Award by Senator Barry Goldwater, who was Association President, at that time, in Washington DC in 1972. He received the 60-Year Award in 1982, the 75-Year Award in 1997, the 80-Year Award in 2002 and, at the time of his 100th birthday, an 85-Year Award.

In 1974 he organized the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Association, and was awarded the Chapter Charter, at the Annual National Meeting in Orlando, Florida, in October 1974. He served as the first President of the Chapter.

In 1980 he organized the "Ozone Club", a group of amateurs who had operated "spark" stations in the early 1920s. Prior to his death, the Organization had grown to over 280 members, ages 75 to 90-plus, throughout the United States.

He also was a member of the American Radio Relay League and held their Public Service Award for handling emergency disaster communications; A-4 Operator Club, Official Phone Station, the "Old Old Timers Club", the "10-70 Repeater Association" and the "Society of Wireless Pioneers" etc. A shortwave radio enthusiast since boyhood days, he had contacted hundreds of amateur radio stations, all over the world, and was visited by some of his foreign radio friends. Surviving are a son Glenn, of Monroe, WA, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Rita, a daughter Carol, and three brothers. Henry, George and Clifford.

Ralph will be remembered by many young ham operators through his strong support of the QCWA Scholarship Program, which awarded many scholarships in his name. His call, W2CVF, will be acquired by QCWA as a second club call for use in our many on-the-air activities.



Photos: Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF, and his wife Rita.



QCWA Publicity Committee

By Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO. Committee Chair

In an attempt to generalize a few ideas that might bring forth a fruitful direction into which this Committee could travel, I asked our Chapter Presidents and Secretaries, via the QCWA Reflector hot list how, in their opinion, we should approach the topic



of helping them and their Chapters in the areas of programs, recruiting/retention, and membership recognition. I received 35 email replies with some very nice suggestions.

The one I would like to share with you today is an event that Cheryl Breuning, WA1WEY, Secretary/Treasurer and the members of Chapter 146 participated in. They sponsored a regional meeting – where two to five chapters gathered for a luncheon, a prepared program, and the opportunity to exchange ideas and workable activities which had proven a positive response for all Chapters.

This opportunity presented itself to me, during Amateur Electronic Supply's SuperFest in Milwaukee, Wisconsin the last weekend in March of this year. Three Wisconsin Chapters – 55, 162, and 219 shared two tables at the event explaining the finer points of belonging to QCWA to the 2000 SuperFest visitors to this annual gala event. During a lull while the three Chapter Presidents, each sitting in front of their Chapter's banner with the tables piled high with QCWA literatures, talked up the benefits of their own Chapter's members, someone suggested that our three chapters should gather this summer at a centrally located restaurant for a Sunday

luncheon followed by an interesting program. It was hoped that during the meal the group members would share events and activities that worked in their Chapter and tell of endeavors that did not go as well as hoped. If the respected memberships

approve of the luncheon idea, we can only hope that we are successful and can make this into an annual event.

In the accompanying pictures is Dick Wood, W9JBE, President of Chapter 55; Dave Arnold, W8DXX, President of Chapter 219; and Ron Fox, K9AKH, President of Chapter 162. Chapter 55 draws its membership from across Wisconsin; Chapter 219 draws its folks from Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; and Chapter 162 members are

located in Southeastern Wisconsin and Northeastern Illinois.

One of the other strong suggestions received off the reflector hot list was placing some great Ham programs and programs other than Ham-related on DVDs – 20 to 30-minutes in length, and make them available to any Chapter wishing to use them.

We are looking for ideas and suggestions on how to improve on what we have and what we might hope to do. Please share your thoughts with me and the Committee by sending them to: wa9jmo@wi.net for email; and/or to Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, 5400 Six Mile Road, Racine, WI 53402-9741.

Enjoy the summer and those rare DX contacts that are sitting on the horizon waiting to take place. 73!

Random Recollections of an Old Ham

The Boehme

(continued from the Winter 2007 Issue of the QCWA Journal)

A Journalistic History of The Life and Times in Amateur Radio of George Hart, W1NJM
by George Hart, W1NJM

But I am getting off the subject of high speed code practice. More about other Florida experiences later. My travel trailer was equipped with high frequency gear as well as 2 meters, and when we got set up in Florida I strung antennas from a 20-foot pole lashed to the side of the trailer to orange trees surrounding us. The park rules prohibited clotheslines attached to the orange trees, but nothing was said about antennas, and not once was any mention made of this, despite the fact that my 80-meter span was attached to trees off the limits of my site. The 20-foot height worked surprisingly well with my 100-watt setup, probably due to the swampy ground, but not well enough to provide the desired coverage for my high speed code practice sessions, which I wished to continue during the winter months in Florida. I did not bring the Boehme machine with me to Florida, but I had recorded several code practice sessions on cassettes and brought them along, plus a cassette player deck. Ed built a transistor-keying device by means of which I could key his transmitters with a tone signal. He also had a kilowatt setup and a 100-watt setup with antennas strung between the tall pine trees surrounding his house on Windsor Street in Bonita Springs. On the nights when I was scheduled to send high-speed code practice I would take one of the cassettes and the deck player to his place, about 7 miles away, hook up to his transmitters and away we would go. I soon learned to use his gear, which was located in a small out-building (a true "ham shack"), so it was not necessary for him to be there. However, I used his call, N4KB, for these transmissions, and I dare say the coverage was probably better than I got from my home station in Newington.

Ed and I were both innovators, but Ed especially. It was not really inconvenient for me to travel the 7 miles to his place on code practice nights, but we decided to see if I could key his transmitters from my trailer using a 2-meter link. During times when I was not otherwise engaged in 2-meter activity I kept my transceiver on 146.49 MHz simplex. I did not have a telephone during our first few years at Citrus Park, so keeping the rig on 49/49 enabled any of my ham acquaintances to contact me at almost any time. The frequency was used so often for this purpose that one time when an "interloper" called CQ on the frequency he was told that it was "George Hart's frequency" and he should QRT — jokingly, of course. Anyway, Ed and I decided to use this intercom frequency as our link for sending the HSCP. It worked very well. I got a big kick out of monitoring (on my HF transceiver), my high-speed code practice coming from his transmitters 7 miles away. I used the call letters N4KB/W1NJM/4. The system had one drawback, however. We both had to be available, I at my place to operate the cassette feeding into my 2-meter transceiver, he at his place to receive the 2-meter tone signal and couple it to his transmitters

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through the transistor device. Ed was working on means by which I could control his transmitters from my trailer, but this never came about. On code practice nights when he was not available I would go over there and do my thing. The outdoor shack made it possible for me not to bother Ed's wife, Pauline, or anything going on at his house during such visits.

I even kept some of my TCC schedules with W6EOT using this method, although when Ed was not available I still had to go over there. Cecil always reported the signal very strong on the west coast. On TCC nights when Ed was not available I had to do the best I could with my 100 watts and my 20-foot-high dipole. Usually we made contact OK, but when conditions were bad or QRM heavy it was sometimes difficult.

Besides my daily participation in SWFTN, I maintained activity in southern Florida HF NTS with frequent, almost daily activity in QFN, the Gator Net on 40 meters and a 40-meter phone traffic net operating at section level but covering the entire state. Traffic-handling activity in Florida has always been high, so I was "in my element" and made many friends among both the CW and phone participants.

But again I am getting off the subject of high-speed code practice. In the spring, summer and fall months back in Connecticut I conducted the practice twice weekly, on Sunday and Wednesday, simultaneously on 80 and 40 meters. Later, in the dead of summer, I used 40 and 20 meters to escape the QRN and provide better coverage. Certificate tests were conducted in May and November. Each such test required about 12 hours of labor in preparation, which had to be spaced out over several days because of the pressure of other activities, both amateur radio and otherwise. When I think back, I wonder how I managed to get everything done.

After the first few struggles sending the code practice using the Boehme output to directly key the transmitters, I sought some way of recording the entire code practice transmission before putting it on the air, thus giving me a chance to listen to it and make changes and corrections if needed - also to make it possible to record speed changes so I would not have to attend the Boehme during the on-the-air transmissions. What I finally came up with did not save me any time - in fact it took more time - but it enhanced the accuracy of the transmission once it was put on the air.

The Boehme had a tone output for monitoring as well as a voltage output to activate relays. I figured I could use the tone output to record the entire transmission on reel-to-reel tape, then play it back using the recorded tone CW to activate relays to key the transmitters. That way I could record the whole transmission on tape just as though I was sending it out over the air. This made it possible for me to stop the recording if something went wrong or the speeds didn't come out right, make corrections and re-record until the tape was perfect in all respects. Then it would be a simple matter of playing the tape into a device that would convert the tone output of the recorder into DC to activate relays to key the transmitters. I could sit back and relax while the transmission was being made, whereas previously, being somewhat of a perfectionist, I hunched nervously over the Boehme timing the minute-by-minute text and adjusting the speed frequently to make sure each transmission came out within my 5-second tolerance. It would already have been done.

The device I finally used to convert the tone output to activate the relays was a surplus BC1016 inked-tape recorder used by the Signal Corps during WWII. It was used for "reading slip," a method used even before the war for recording Morse code on 1/4-inch white tape at speeds up to 400 wpm, then having a trained operator transcribe it from the inked tape at a slower speed. I had procured one of these devices from the war surplus market, used it to make some inked tape recordings directly off the air just for the novelty of it, then shoved it into a corner with a pile of other unused or obsolete gear. I remembered that the output of the device operated the pen mechanism that made the recording - obviously a relay which used a coil. The thing was multi-tubed and had a terrific voltage output (it weighed about 50 pounds). I removed the entire pen mechanism including the relay and exposed the wires that had been attached to the relay coil. The voltage between these wires was variable from controls on the device. All I had to do was find relays that would operate from whatever voltage they needed at sufficient speed for the practice transmissions. It was a matter of trial and error spaced over a period of weeks. I tried many types of relays, finally settled on telephone-type relays with mercury-wetted contacts vacuum-sealed into a metal envelope with an octal base, resembling a 6V6 or 6F6 tube. These were also available on the surplus market and would operate at any speed, given the proper voltage and current. I mounted two of these relays on a metal box, complete with coil-input and contact-output jacks and potentiometers to adjust the coil voltage for optimum operation.

Once everything was adjusted and operating perfectly I could have replaced the pots with fixed resistors of the proper value, but I never bothered. Everything worked perfectly, and I used this system for many years. No master constructor I, my few construction projects were out of pure necessity or intense desire and were designed only to work. The appearance of most of them was very ratty; I cared naught for appearances, only for performance. The device worked, so I let it alone, didn't try to "pretty it up" or "improve" its performance. Even when Ed volunteered to make up a transistor device to take its place (he laughed his head off when he saw it) I continued using it, preferring relays over transistor switches for keying because the latter were sensitive to some keying methods, but relays would key anything. I had some problems with RF feedback to the keying lines but these were resolved by filters Ed designed. He was an expert on filters. The mercury-wetted vacuum relays operated perfectly for many Years, never wore out.

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Not until years later, close to my retirement date, did I start having trouble with this system. The old BC1016 started showing signs of age. Tubes (often hard to find) had to be replaced, resistors opened up or shorted out in my damp basement. I was never much of a trouble-shooter and often had to get assistance, usually from brother Ed, often over the air, but Fred Manganello, W1TCJ, spent several hours in my shack troubleshooting the aging BC1016. The program would have been in deep trouble without him. But eventually the BC1016 "crapped out" completely and I had to go back to using the Boehme "barefoot" to operate the relays.

Meanwhile Conley Smith, K6DYX, who started sending his own high speed code practice on the west coast, and whom I used during my certificate runs to provide west coast coverage, was urging me to "go computer." He offered his assistance even to supplying the necessary gear and personal instruction. I resisted his earnest offers for a time, but when my own methods seemed to be getting harder and harder I finally succumbed.

Smitty not only gave me a used Apple II computer, along with instruction books and manuals, he wrote a detailed pamphlet just for the purpose of instructing me how to send my code practice using this computer. He was a professor of electrical engineering at the U. S. Navy's postgraduate school in Monterey, quite knowledgeable electronics expert and experienced amateur radio operator. Along with the computer and a couple of external drives and relays, he prepared for me several "floppy" discs containing programs I would need in preparing my files.

At first I was overwhelmed by all the terminology, unable to make sense of his instructions; but Smitty was a patient man and led me along slowly and carefully. I am not normally a quick learner, and in this case I must have been excruciatingly slow. At times I became impatient with myself and in despair of ever mastering computer-generated high-speed code practice, even a little irritated with Smitty's insistence that I could do it - because to him it was absurdly simple. I sought local instruction, because I thought Smitty expected too much of me, but soon realized that far from being too advanced, Smitty had succeeded in lowering himself to my level far better than any of the local "experts" I consulted. His attention even included some personal visits, both here in Newington and in Florida, and we became quite good personal friends, talked often on the air and by commercial telephone. Eventually I succeeded in getting all my cassettes recorded on floppy discs (never understood why they called them that). Meanwhile, I was sending my code practice using the old Boehme machine directly keying the transmitters. Ed did provide me with a transistor device to key the transmitters using the cassettes but it never worked right on my excitors, was highly sensitive to RF feedback, so I found myself back to the old reliable Boehme, and even this acted up at times.

Eventually I became adept at the Apple II computer and relied on it completely both here and in Florida. I even purchased a duplicate (for \$200 - the Apple II was obsolescent even when I first started trying to use it in 1979) to use as a backup and for

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preparing new code practice sessions on discs and other off-the-air functions, while the original computer Smitty had donated stayed at my operating position all set up for on-the-air use. In the mid-90's the purchased computer developed problems I could not solve and I could find no one to repair it. By that time I had gotten out of touch with Smitty. But Smitty's computer remained operational until the late 90's, when it started developing problems. Often I could bring it back into operation by whacking it, or even lifting it up and dropping it on the table. But in May of 2001 when it suddenly refused to operate I must have whacked it too hard, or it simply gave up the ghost. I considered resurrecting the old Boehme but discarded the idea. My "audience," with the decline of CW use on the amateur bands, had diminished considerably. I was down to one session per week on only one band. My eyesight and energy level, at age 87, had deteriorated. With much regret, I decided to discontinue the program. Some of my local NARL fellow members offered to find a usable Apple II in the used market for me, but the prospect of work involved in creating an entirely new setup is daunting. I told them that if they were successful in finding an Apple II in working condition I would consider continuing the program, but in truth I have little stomach for it.

I have been providing this service (as of June 2001) for almost 44 years. In the beginning, my listeners were perhaps in the thousands, but as the old CW experts gradually died off the number of listeners decreased, because very few of the younger and newer amateurs were interested in high speed code proficiency. I estimate the number of listeners as of mid-May 2001 in the hundreds at best. Among almost a half-million licensees in the U.S. alone this is a minuscule figure. If such a program is to continue, someone else will have to do it. Throughout these almost-44 years I have received many plaudits for conducting this program. It had really been hard work requiring much dedication of time, effort and expense. But without the help and encouragement of so many, it would not have been possible. Principal among these have been my brother Ed, N4KB; W. C. Smith, K6DYX; Fred Manganello, W1TCG; Roy Fosberg, W1TX; and many others too numerous to mention. It has been quite a party, but as the saying goes, "The party is over."

The next section of George's story covers his experiences as a mobile operator, of which, he said "...was a kind of amateur radio operating that always fascinated me."



The Rules Say... Q&A

John B. Johnston, W3BE, 17701 Bowie Mill Road, Derwood, MD 20855-1608

Drive-Thru Exams

Q. I am not one of the real old timers, getting my license in 1938 and my 70-Year Certificate this year. But I must comment on your position on "Drive-Thru Exams." You succinctly really hit it on the head! I won't belabor the matter other than to say I absolutely agree with your every word and only wish there were some way to undo the situation and go again. But like most other things in our current "politically correct society," we dumb down most everything. HW?

W3BE-O-GRAM: Keep the faith! In my shorter 54 years of ham radio, one of the principle things that I have learned is that it is unbelievably resilient and has many dedicated hams who are deeply concerned for its continued wellbeing.

It's looking like the wonder cure to the so-called "CW Barrier" was just old fashioned medicine show snake oil. It was about as effective. At the last Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators, representatives from eleven of our fourteen VECs were in attendance. They reported that our VEs are still receiving requests from those who want to prove their telegraphy proficiency!

Two separate presentations on the topic of licensing trends reported unexpected, but similar, conclusions. Evidently, those controversial outcries aimed at making our amateur service more widely accessible were way off the mark. The result has failed miserably to increase the total number of hams, even hams-in-call-sign-only. The month-to-month influx of newcomers appears to remain relatively constant. The factual result, on the other hand, has been movement upward in the number of operators to the General and Amateur Extra Classes by those lower class licensees who are taking advantage of the lowered upgrade standards.

Your hard-earned General and Amateur Extra tickets are not as significant as they once were. We paid the piper, but he didn't tootle the tune that we were promised. Disturbing to observe, but it seems like those great amateur operators who made our hobby so highly regarded are no longer our leaders. Their replacements apparently believe that the painless answer to every challenge is to just lower standards - a sure-fire recipe for eventual irrelevancy.

It was also pointed out that there are fewer FCC-licensed hams today than there were five and even ten years ago. There were 711,000 operators in the current

FCC database, including 58,000 expired but within the grace period; sixty percent of whom appear to be first-time licensees.

The active hams-on-the-air in the U.S. are in the minority. Maybe we comprise close to one-quarter of the number that are shown on the ULS database... or even less. The scheme to recruit into our hobby persons who are not particularly interested in radio technique solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest or who are disinclined toward self-training, intercommunication and technical investigations, is counter productive to our radio service serving its purpose - the very reason for our precious spectrum allocation.

The fundamental integrity of our once-highly reputable operator class standards were compromised in order to entice these less-than-technically-inclined persons into trying out our hobby. The claim that once such neophytes are licensed as amateur operators, they will learn by "doing" doesn't hold up when they can't or don't "do."

While teaching a class on the General Class operator question pool, the photo below was projected to illustrate my K2HHR station while a General Class operator in 1954. Depicted is the Hallicrafters S-40 that I used during several pre-ham years as a SWL monitoring the shortwave bands and gaining an understanding of their characteristics and the ways of ham operators. It was also the station receiver during my Novice and early General Class operator on-the-air indoctrination. The Gonset converter provided the calibrated tuning lacking in the S-40. That recycled RX cost \$35 and it was resold for the same; net expenditure = zero.

The transmitter was assembled from an Eldico TR-75 kit obtained from Don Merten, then K2AAA, in Mineola, L.I., NY, where I used to stop by to pick up valuable pointers about ham radio. The AM modulator and power supplies were homebrew. Yet to be added: a Q-multiplier from a magazine article and a Heathkit VFO. I was thrilled as could be, although absolutely clueless as to what was to yet to come: learning wondrous things, making ham friends and enjoying radio adventures a-plenty.

There is really no similar way to do that today without shelling out some big bucks for a transceiver, a purchase tough to justify until you're set to go with your license grant, antenna, station footprint, time budget, etc.

W3BE-O-GRAM: It is impossible to comprehend how anyone could possibly promote conscientiously the notion

that answering 26 of 35 questions by rote memorization is a serious replacement for our wonderful old fashioned hands-on learning experience.

Q. How many telegraphy codes are there?

A. More than we suspect, probably. The only one of which we are authorized to use, however, is defined in Section 97.3(a)(27): A dot-dash code as defined in ITU-T Recommendation F.1 (March, 1998), Division B, I. Morse code.

The ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) is one of three Sectors of the International Telecommunications Union. The ITU-T's mission is to ensure an efficient and on-time production of high quality standards covering all fields of telecommunications. ITU-T was created on March 1, 1993, replacing the former International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee whose origins go back to 1865.

W3BE-O-GRAM: Relax. ITU-T Recommendation F.1 Division B, I is the same dot-dash combinations standing for those characters that you already know or haven't got around to learning yet.

Q. The indicator "/R" wouldn't seem to be any more in conflict with the Russian RAA-RZZ Block of prefixes than would /M & /MM be in conflict with the UK's prefix allocation, or /B in light of China's allocation or /P as in each case they are being used as suffixes, not prefixes. Reading the 97.119(c) the paragraph covers use of either, or both suffixes and prefixes. Or have I read this wrong?

A. Read Section 97.119(a) where it explains the purpose of the station identification announcement: (1) Each amateur station must transmit its assigned call sign for the purpose of clearly making the source of the transmissions from the station known to those receiving the transmissions. (2) No station may transmit unidentified communications or signals, or transmit as the station call sign, any call sign not authorized to the station.

The call sign authorized to the station is that shown on the station license grant. Section 97.119(c), however, authorizes the modification of the assigned call sign. It says: One or more indicators may be included with the call sign. Each indicator must be separated from the call sign by the slant mark (/) or by any suitable word that denotes the slant mark. If an indicator is self-assigned, it must be included before, after, or both before and after, the call sign. No self-assigned indicator may conflict with any other indicator specified by the FCC Rules or with any prefix assigned to another country.

W3BE-O-GRAM: This provision offers the station licensee a wide-range of choices without a load of how-to-ism. Always check against a listing of the current prefix assignments before including an indicator in your station identification announcement.

Q. A couple of local amateurs want to set up their dual band VHF/UHF radios for cross-band operation and want to make sure they are doing it legally. The last I've heard is that the dual band radio has to have an ID unit in it so when they are operating cross-band the dual band radio gives the proper ID every 10 minutes just like repeaters do. Please let me know the correct answer.

A. No amateur station transmitter has to have an "ID unit" built in. The FCC rules, gratefully, do not generally specify such non-flexible how-to-ism. Section 97.119(a) says, in pertinent part, that each amateur station, except a space station or telecommand station, must transmit its assigned call sign on its transmitting channel at the end of each communication, and at least every 10 minutes during a communication, for the purpose of clearly making the source of the transmissions from the station known to those receiving the transmissions.

W3BE-O-GRAM: It's up to the station licensee to determine how the station ID is to be implemented. If he or she doesn't want to rely upon the control operator to do the job correctly, the station can use an automatic ID device.

Q. I have a small all-mode transceiver that provides 100 watts on HF and 6 meters and 50 watts on 2 meters plus 20 watts on 440 MHz. It receives from 30 kHz to 199 MHz and from 400 to 470 MHz. It is so complex, however, that my use of its extensive features and capabilities is limited by its sophistication and complexity. My friends with similar rigs have the same problem. Manuals are OK, but they are so difficult and slow. I think the manufacturers should provide us with a DVD with an expert explaining it all to us. (Comment?)

A. That's not exactly a question about what the rules say, but bravo! You sure hit the nail on the head. We badger the manufacturers to put everything possible in those radios, and then we are overwhelmed when they do just what we ask for. I still believe, however, they offer the best buys in all of electronics.

W3BE-O-GRAM: Our suppliers could take a lesson from the woodworking shows. I enjoy attending them and taking in the many expert demonstrations and presentations on how to use the wondrous products offered.

Q. I looked at your "BE Informed No. 6. EVALUATION OF JULY 1, 2006 ELEMENT 2 QUESTION POOL." What is wrong with T1A03? Other than that the abbreviation "U.S." is missing the periods, the question seems very clear. We are talking about U.S. amateur licenses, and since the exam would clearly be for a U.S. licensee, why do you feel it necessary to add the words "for the FCC" before each of the answers?

A. The term "US" is far too inclusive. At least seven U.S.

amateurs can get details of Chapter 6 activity from Brian Roberts, K9VKY, directly, or by checking into the Sunday morning net at 0830 prevailing time on 147.03+. The net is hosted by Bruce Murray, N3GHI, and all are welcome.

Brian Roberts, K9VKY, President

Chapter 8, Upper Midwest (MN)

After the eyeball QSOs, lunch and our March business meeting at the Ft Snelling Club, John Platt, WØZQ, the President of the Northern Lights Radio Club, gave a superb presentation on "Contest UHF Roving w/Microwaves".

On March 29th Chapter 8 had a table at the Midwinter Madness Hamfest.

Bob Roske, NØUF, Webmaster



Flying the Flag are: Bob, NØUF; Baldy, WØOFY; and Ruby, Baldy's XYL. Chapter President Jack Olson, KGØSF, also helped. Photo by Chapter 8 member Bob Meyer, WØLAW.

Chapter 10, Michigan (MI)

Welcome to the "hazy, lazy, crazy days of summer", as we all greet the long-awaited warm weather, outdoor grilling, shade tree visits, and a brand new crop of mosquitoes. Time to get those new antenna ideas up and running and do not forget those many swap and shops just waiting for you. Ironical that as I write this article I am looking at about 8" of snow on the ground and ice fields far as the eye can see, out on Lake Michigan.

We would like to extend a sincere welcome to the following new members of our Chapter and look forward to many years of good fellowship and fun: Daniel F. Pope, N8ZP, from Flushing, MI, and Philip J. Mikula, WU8P, from Rockford, MI.

Our Annual Meeting, including 2008 QCWA Awards presentations, was held on May 3, 2008, with the write-up and photos to follow in the Fall 2008 issue.

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer filled with lots of great memories. As we celebrate the birth of our Nation on July 4th, and Labor Day in September, let us not forget to pause and take time to remember all of those brave men and women that have sacrificed so much, as well as those who now serve our Country to keep us One Nation under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all! God bless America!

We would like to extend an invitation to everyone to attend our Annual Summer Picnic, which will be held on August 13, 2008, at the Kenwood Park in Cadillac, MI, beginning at 12:00 noon. Members and guests are requested to bring their own table service, drinks, (no alcohol allowed per city ordinances), and a passing dish to share with others. Details of this event are posted on our Chapter web page on the QCWA web site along with directions and the latest updates. Plan a day of fun and relaxation and pray for sunshine.

We would like to remind all QCWA members to be sure and VOTE in the QCWA National Election. Please review the biographies shown in your Spring 2008 issue of the Journal, then vote for the candidates of your choice. As a member it is both YOUR PRIVILEGE AND RESPONSIBILITY to VOTE. Your input is essential to the very survival of our Organization. We thank all of the candidates for their willingness to serve and offer all of us such a great slate of candidates.

We also invite everyone to join us on both our ssb net and cw net, both held on Sundays. Please see "Chapters On The Air" in this issue for times and frequencies.

Have a safe summer, drive carefully, and "see you in September" in the Fall issue!

James F. Bishop, W8JFB, Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter 12, Andy Clark (FL)

We are happy to announce our newest members Camilo So, W4CSO and Neil Friedman, N3DF. We enthusiastically welcome them to our Chapter. A program on Echo Link was presented by Camilo, W4CSO, at our March meeting. We are planning to have a Chapter table at the Miami Hamoctoberfest on Saturday October 25th. Our Chapter meets the third Saturday of every month at Steak and Ale, 9090 SW 97 Kendall, Miami, FL at 12 Noon. Our Chapter is a friendly bunch and would welcome any visitors in the Miami area. Please feel free to stop in for lunch.

Art Rauch, W4VZ, Secretary

Chapter 16, Barry M. Goldwater, Arizona (AZ)

On December 15, 2007, 27 members and guests attended the annual Christmas meeting at the Horny Toad Restaurant in Cave Creek. After President Jim Swafford, W7FF, led introductions around the room, a delicious buffet lunch was enjoyed by all. Following lunch, Vice-President, Doug Besemer, KØVPL, introduced our entertainment, Musical Journeys, who entertained us at the past three year's holiday luncheons. The Musical Journeys are a group of friends who, through their love of music, refuse to let the performance of "old favorites" fade into memories. They come from all walks of life to join in a common goal to entertain, share their talents and enjoy music together. The program included music from the 30s and 40s, Broadway shows and Christmas. The performance brought back memories for everyone and was very professionally done.

Finally, a short business meeting was held and the meeting adjourned at 2:30. On March 29, 2008, 12 members and guests attended the Spring meeting at Chad's Steakhouse and Saloon in Tucson. The meeting began with introductions around the room and then lunch was served at 12:00 o'clock. After lunch, President Jim Swafford, W7FF, introduced our speaker, Tom Fagan, K7DF, who is the ARRL Section Manager for Arizona. Following his informative presentation, "ARRL Update," a short business meeting was held where a number of anniversary awards were presented to awardees attending the meeting. Those awardees not attending were mailed their awards. Those receiving awards were: Gerard Overeynder, W6IWR, #9134, 75 Yr; John C. Groce, W6MQ, #4307, 70 Yr; George Chaet, W1RGH, #20949, 60 Yr; William T. Jackson, W6HDP, #13290, 60 Yr; Fred S. Jones, N7QV, #18559, 60 Yr; Robert S. McCuskey, W7BV, #12797, 55 Yr; and, Larry Godek, WØOGH, #24174, 50 Yr.

Bob McCuskey, W7BV, Secretary/Treasurer



Part of the group attending the Christmas meeting at the Horny Toad Restaurant in Cave Creek.

Chapter 19, Missouri (MO)

At our January 2008 Chapter 19 luncheon, Vice Chairman Roger Volk, KØGOB; and George Schindler, WBØIIS, were both presented the Meritorious Award. Roger and George have built and maintained the 2m repeater that our Chapter uses for its Wednesday Night Net. In the photo, George is on the left and Roger is on the right. Presenter is Chapter Chairman Jim Glasscock, WØFF.

John Germanos, WB9PNU; and Vern Hayes, WØCYF, manned the Chapter 19 table at the Winterfest 2008 Hamfest, which is the largest Hamfest in the Midwest. Many members stopped by and chatted and we recruited one new member.

After several years as Net Control for our weekly net,



Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) awarded a 50-Year Certificate to Jay Underdown, WØPS. The Award was made by Chapter President Jim Glasscock WØFF. From left to right: Emma, NØVXK; Jay, WØPS; Jim, WØFF; Sue, WBØJET; Allen, NØGOM; and Dave, KBØDYP.



Vice Chairman Roger Volk, KØGOB (r), and George Schindler, WBØIIS (l) were both presented the Meritorious Award by Chapter Chairman, Jim Glasscock, WØFF (c).



John Germanos, WB9PNU; and Vern Hayes, W0CYF, manning the Chapter 19 table at the Winterfest 2008 Hamfest.



SM Jim Cross, W13N, making his presentation.

Ken Scott W9VHL has decided to pass the microphone. Our Chapter thanks Ken for all his years of service.

Our new Net Control will be Bill Bell, W9BEL. Bill will start his duties with the January 16, 2008 net. This net meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm on two meters at 147.360 MHz. If you are visiting the St. Louis area, please check in.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of our dear friend and long-time member of QCWA, Ken Schlarmann, W0AKI.

At their regular March meeting, Missouri Chapter 19, the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) awarded a 50-Year Certificate to Jay Underdown, W0PS. The Award was made by Chapter President, Jim Glasscock, W0FF.

Assisting in the presentation was Jay's XYL, Sue, WB0JET; Son, Allen, N0GOM; His XYL, Emma, N0VXK; and Son, Dave, KB0DYP.



(r) Russ Slye, N3GT, receives awards from W3BE, John Johnston.

John Germanos, WB9PNU, Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter 20, Chesapeake (MD)

Chapter Secretary Russ Slye, N3GT, received his 50-Year and 50-Year Continuously Licensed Awards at our annual Welcome Sweet Springtime Banquet at Hellas Restaurant and Lounge in Millersville, MD. Being that this is blue crabcake country, that succulent entrée topped the list of choices. It was an historic occasion in that a constitution and by-laws were officially adopted in preparation to obtaining a distinctive Chapter club station vanity call sign.

Our speaker was Jim Cross, W13N, ARRL Maryland-District of Columbia Section Manager. His excellent talk was about efforts with our Maryland State Legislature to

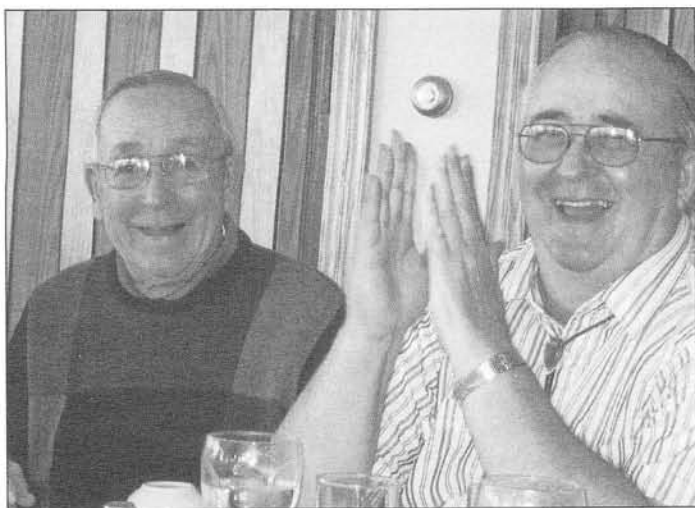
obtain protection for amateur stations against the growing threat from homeowners associations.

In the Baltimore-Chesapeake area, our 8:00 pm Thursday net meets on the 146.76 MHz repeater. Join us any Monday Noon for a great informal luncheon at Cactus Willies Steak Buffet and Bakery, 7315 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, MD. It is directly across from the Empire Towers. Your XYL is invited anytime, but especially on the first Monday of each month. To receive our Chapter Newsletter, send your e-mail address to kenmckee@aol.com or stop by our table at any area hamfest.

Russ Slye, N3GT, Secretary

Chapter 28, Central New York (NY) & Endless Mountains (PA)

Chapter 28 held its Spring luncheon at Tomasso's facility near Waverly on a beautiful April afternoon enjoying the great food and camaraderie with our recent and longtime



Chapter 28 President, Frank Roney, K02Q (l); and Secretary, Bill Thompson, W2MTA (r); at the April Luncheon.



Chapter President, Frank Roney, K02Q (r); presenting 60-Year Award to Bob Vasilow, W2V DX (l).



Chapter members at annual picnic. Left to right: W2IBF, W3QBZ, AB2HT, WA2PHM, W2TMW, K02Q, and W2MTA.

members. Our guest speaker, Life Member Bob Vasilow, W2V DX, presented a "show and tell" on his AWA-type transmitter project. In preparation for Bob's pitch, we first surprised him twice—(since it was his birthday); first with a nice big cake and then his QCWA 60-Year Service Award.

President Frank Roney, K02Q, thanked all who have worked in support of the Chapter's past year activities. We now stand at some fifty Chapter Members. With unanimous approval, Jim O'Bryan, W2RKV, was named Chapter Member Emeritus. He joins other Emeritus Members on the Advisory Committee.

President Roney also offered a moment of silence in honor of our recent Silent Keys: Emeritus Presidents Roy Hartman, W2UBU; and Bill Valky, K2MFB; and two other Emeritus Members, Fran Gorgas, W2HJS; and Earl Foster, W3BKF.

In July the Chapter held its annual picnic near Newfield, NY, at the beautiful home of Linda and Joe Zawislak, W2IFB. A good time was again had by all.

Bill Thompson, W2MTA, Secretary, Chapter 28 CNY & EMPA

Chapter 29, New York (NY)

Chapter 29 members Jim O'Keefe, W2SY; and Roger Hamilton, WA2AEW, recently toured the Museum of Science & Technology in Syracuse, New York. Both had visited the facility in its prior incarnation — as the Army National Guard Armory. W2SY learned that the ring where he boxed as a Golden Gloves competitor is now occupied by the IMAX theatre. WA2AEW commented: "The building alone brought back many memories, 1960 to 1966 motor pool track and wheeled vehicle mechanic, 27th Armored Division. And up at Camp Drum in



L to R: N2MRE, WA2AEW, W2SY and WB2DVE.



Jim O'Keefe, W2SY and Roger Hamilton, WA2AEW.

Watertown driver for the CWO, Maintenance Motor Officer."

Both enjoyed visiting the one area of the Museum that has not been renovated and looks as it did when the National Guard vacated the facility in the early 1990s - examining the officer's locker room and the Conference Room with its working fireplace.

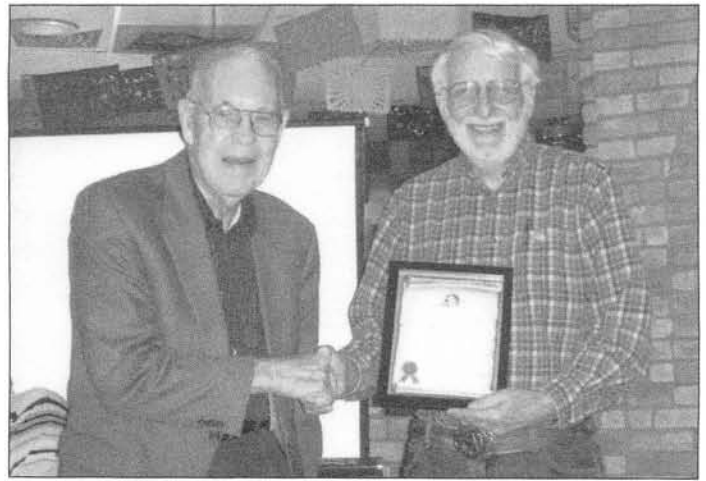
One of the exhibit areas in the Museum is the Telecommunications Laboratory which includes a Morse Code exhibit and the KC2APG Amateur Radio Station. Chapter 29 members Dan O'Shea, N2MRE; and John Rockdashil, WB2DVE, demonstrated the various operating positions in the KC2APG station for them. Although not shown in this photo, Chapter 29 member John Soergel, WA2DGC, is also one of the "crew" that operates the station on weekends and demonstrated amateur radio to visitors to the Museum. More information about the Museum and the amateur radio station may be found at www.MOST.org.

Steve Auyer, N2TKX

Chapter 38, San Antonio (TX)

The QCWA Meritorious Award was presented to W.C. "Bill" Minton, AA5HI, during the January 2008 QCWA Chapter Meeting in San Antonio. Bill had served as President of Chapter 38 for the past five years and had made significant contributions to this Chapter as well as to amateur radio as a whole. Larry Higgins, W5EX, the incoming President of Chapter 38 made the presentation of this Award to Bill.

Chapter 38 meets monthly for a Noon Luncheon on the 4th Saturday of each month. The January Meeting was held at the Martha's Mexican Food Restaurant in San Antonio, Texas. Some 15 members attended this meeting



Bill Minton, President of Chapter 38 for 2007 (R) was presented with the QCWA Meritorious Award for Outstanding Service to Amateur Radio. Larry Higgins, W5EX, (L) the new President for 2008, made the presentation at the January 2008 QCWA Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

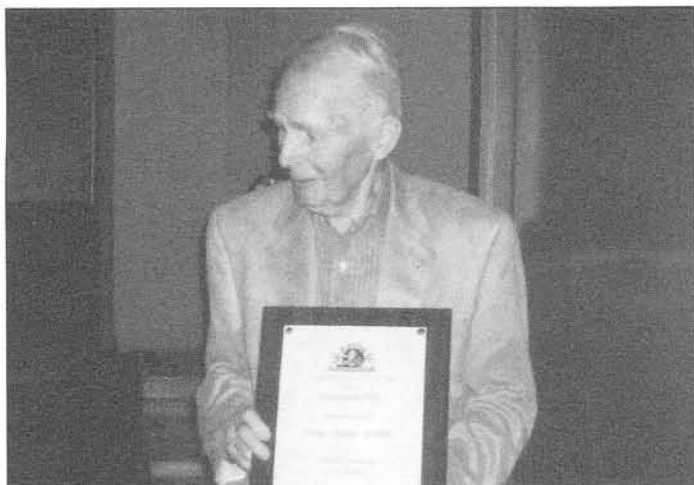
which was presided over by Larry, W5EX. The new incoming officers for the year 2008: President, Larry Higgins, W5EX; Vice-President, Clay Laster, W5ZPV; Secretary, Joe Jankowski, W5TX; Treasurer, Terry Platt, K5ADF, were introduced to the group. The monthly meetings are open to all amateur radio operators and persons interested in amateur radio. In addition to the monthly luncheon, Chapter 38 maintains a weekly 2-meter net each Sunday Evening beginning at 8:30PM CST time. Bill, AA5HI, and Clay, W5ZPV, alternate as the net control operator. This net utilizes the San Antonio Repeater Organization's (SARO) 146.34/146.94 MHz Repeater. The net is open to all amateur radio operators.

Our special thanks go to the 2007 club officers—Bin Minton, AA5HI; and Jim Wright, K5CDT, for "a job well done". Chapter 38 has a most promising future in serving amateur radio for the forthcoming year.

Clay Laster, W5ZPV, Vice-President

Chapter 41, Dallas (TX)

The Chapter is saddened to announce that long-time member Frank Wolk, N5FW, recently became a Silent Key. In addition to being an all-round "good guy," Frank was an avid "big-gun" DXer who for years "worked the world," and who was a credit to amateur radio. Member, Richard Bauer, K5RB, retired broadcast and television station engineer, can be seen in early control room photographs on the website of Dallas Pioneer Radio Station, KRLD. The years have been kind to Richard who is readily recognizable in the photos. Chapter President Steve Brodie, K5ZYZ, representing the Chapter, made an out-of-town visit to member Luther Pully, W5JIZ, who is confined to a nursing home. Luther, who for many years was the Trustee for the



Long-time Dallas Chapter member and WWII D-Day landing veteran Jerry Stover, W5AE, proudly displays his newly received handsome QCWA 75-Year Award to admiring members and guests.

amateur radio station at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, expressed surprise and appreciation of the visit and well wishes of Chapter members.

Bob Olney, NSNT, Recording Secretary

Chapter 45, Citrus (FL)

It has been a very good quarter for our Chapter with most of our members enjoying good health and for that we are forever thankful. We have increased our membership and are in a period of quiet contentment; however, some of us are preparing for the forthcoming Field Day usually in conjunction with our other local clubs. This is a big event with many of our members and we do look forward to it. We are also looking forward to the QCWA QSO Party and hopefully our Chapter members (and others) will participate in this wonderful event.

Members and guests once again enjoyed an informal luncheon/dinner meeting at a local restaurant on Sunday,



President AL LaPéter, W2AS (l) presents Walt Maxwell, W2DU, his 75-Year Award. Congratulations, Walt!

March 2. These quarterly meetings have become very popular with our Chapter and attendance has been good. Our present location is so good that we are continuing to use this facility. These quarterly meetings are held to allow working members to join us at least four times a year. This is in addition to our regular monthly meetings on the third Wednesday.

The Chapter owns and operates an open repeater, W4PLA, operating on 147.195 MHz (no tone). Scheduled net is at 1930 hours local time on Tuesday of each week. All hams in the area are invited to check in and anyone passing through at net time is particularly welcome.

During this last quarter we have given a number of awards to our members. Among those present to receive them were: Walt Maxwell, W2DU, 75th Anniversary Award for his 75 Years as a licensed radio amateur. Mort Cohen, WA2ARS, 50th Anniversary Award and 50 Years Continuously Licensed Award as an amateur radio operator; Larry Wartell, KJ4BR, 55TH Anniversary Award for his 55 years as a licensed radio amateur. (Presented at HamCation in February by National President, John Johnston, W3BE), and Roy Mackey, N4ADI, 55th Anniversary Award for his 55 Years continuously licensed as an amateur radio operator. Joe Martin, W4LUW, 55th Anniversary Award for his 55 Years continuously-licensed as an amateur radio operator. George Sereikas, K2WO, 50th Anniversary Award for his 50-Years Continuously-Licensed Award as an amateur radio operator.

AL LaPéter, W2AS, President

Chapter 53, Suncoast (FL)

We had 33 members and guests in attendance at our 02 January luncheon/meeting. Former QCWA President Croft Taylor, VE3CT, advised that a number of the regional chapters were active and invited our members to visit other chapters for their meetings. National QCWA



QCWA Secretary, Walt Supina, N3WS, presenting 70-Year Service Pin and Certificate to Lamar Graham, W4FKR.

Chapter 62, Suwannee (FL)

The February 28 meeting had 19 members and 15 guests attending at the Golden Corral in Ocala, Florida. Speakers included Croft Taylor, VE3CT, past President of QCWA and Hans Napfel, WB2ZZB. Croft Taylor presented a Certificate of Achievement to Ken Simpson, K8EK, for having the second-highest phone score in the Fall QSO party. Croft then introduced the main speaker Hans Napfel, WB2ZZB, who gave an interesting talk on the development of the modern aircraft black boxes used in crash investigations. It was pointed out that the first units were built in 1960 and recorded events on steel tape to survive the impact of crashes and fires. The units have evolved to using digital recording for both aircraft parameters and digital voice recording. Hans discussed several



QCWA Secretary, Walt Supina, N3WS, presenting 60-Year Service Pin and Certificate to Sam Semel, W2SHE.

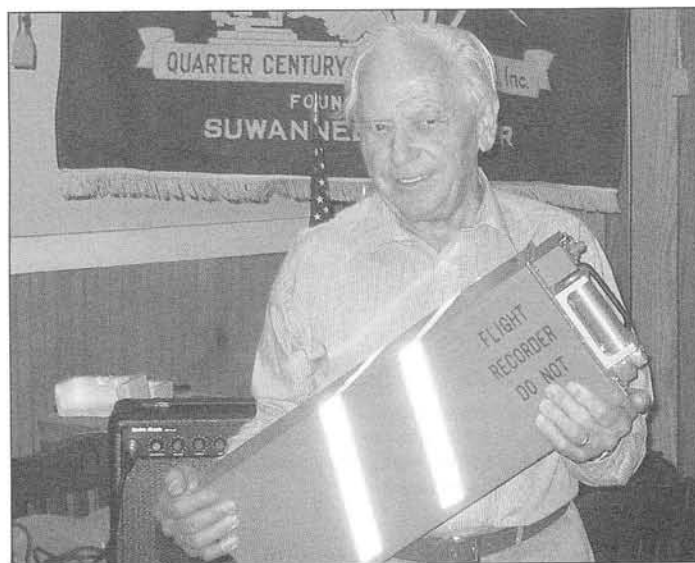
Secretary, Walt Supina, N3WS, announced that the QCWA is planning some incentives to recruit more members. Bruce Brown, WA8IQF, offered a well-photographed program detailing his family's motor trip to Alaska, accompanied by their two smooth coat retrievers.

Our February 6th meeting was attended by 31 members and friends. QCWA Secretary Walt Supina, N3WS, read excerpts from the notice that "There Are New Lawmen in Town!" This program offers a financial incentive for QCWA "deputies" to find new members out there in the boondocks. Jack Sproat, W4JS, showed a series of photos documenting the towers and beams he has used over the past 50 years with emphasis on his new 70 ft Rohn tower and 4-element SteppIR beam.

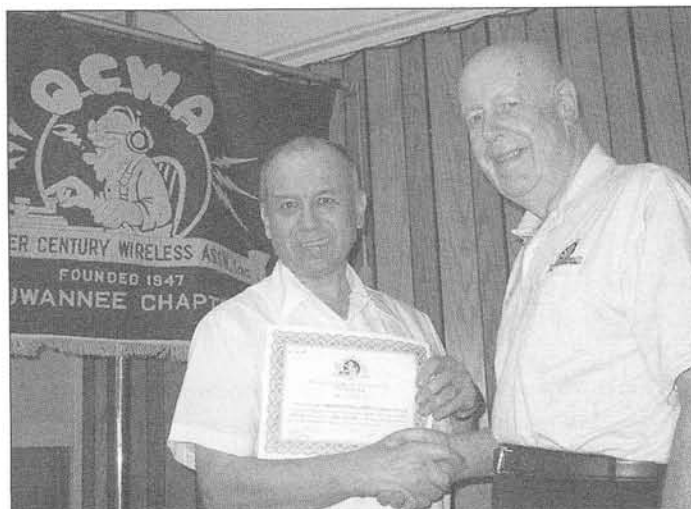
There was not one vacant seat available when 44 members and friends showed up for our 05 March luncheon/meeting. This was a record attendance in recent years, much to our satisfaction! On behalf of Suncoast Chapter 53, QCWA Secretary, Walt Supina, N3WS awarded Lamar Graham, W4FKR, his QCWA 70-Year Service Pin and Certificate. Walt then presented Sam Semel, W2SHE, his QCWA 60-Year Service Pin and Certificate. Hans Napfel, WB2ZZB, took us on a photo trip of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, entitled "Hans and Lisa Check Out Dubai" for the enjoyment of all.

From October through May, Suncoast Chapter 53 meets at Denny's, 3701 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL, at 11:30 AM the first Wednesday of the month. We also have informal lunches, on the same schedule, June through September, at the Panda Pavilion in Venice, FL. All QCWA members living in, or visiting, the Florida Suncoast area are always welcome. Please contact the undersigned at w4js@juno.com if you would like to join with us.

Jack Sproat, W4JS, President



Main speaker Hans Napfel, WB2ZZB, who gave an interesting talk on the development of the modern aircraft black boxes.



Croft Taylor presents a Certificate of Achievement to Ken Simpson, K8EK, for having the second-highest phone score in the Fall QSO party.

accidents and how the system helped the investigators find the reasons for the disasters.

Ben Russell, N6SL, Recording Secretary

Chapter 63, Oklahoma (OK)

The Quarter Century Wireless Association Central Oklahoma Chapter 63 held their annual meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 19, 2008, at the Hometown Buffet. Following an enjoyable meal and good conversation between the thirteen members and guests present, an election of officers for the coming year was held. The result of the election, including those retaining office from previous elections were as follows:
President, Skip Amis, N5CFM; Vice-President, Larry



QCWA-63 Officers & Directors 2008
From left to right: Rod Steward, K5IBF, Director; Ron Cron, W5CFN, Director; Lyeal Amos, W5SJC, Director; Skip Amis, N5CFM, President; Cal Jackson, AC5HM, Director; Norm Wilson, W5FLO, Secretary/Treasurer. Not in picture—Larry Watson, W5EIU, Vice-President.

Watson, W5EIU; Secretary/Treasurer, Norm Wilson, W5FLO; Directors: Lyeal Amos, W5SJC; Ron Cron, W5CFN; Cal Jackson, AC5HM; Rod Steward, K5IBF.

Lyeal Amos, W5SJC, Chapter Director

Chapter 65, Niagara Frontier (NY)

With deep sorrow we report the passing of Doris Griswold, XYL of our founding Chapter President Ray ("Slim") Griswold, W2SD (SK). Dorrie was a faithful attendee of our get-togethers, even long after Ray died. You could always rely on her to add to our table discussions.

Now a question that's been begging to be asked – Where is everybody? Attendance at our luncheons is down, and the check-ins to our weekly net has consisted of always the same two or three regulars for several Years now. Regrettably, we have had to cancel our annual barbecue because only about a half-dozen (or less) bothered



President Larry Rybacki, WA2ARA, radio operator for U.S. Border Patrol in 1972 (Yes, they used Morse Code!)



Here is VP Tom Whalen, W2QI, station engineer for WBEN Radio (Buffalo NY), around 1947.

to show up during the last two picnics. No one is interested in helping man the recruitment table at local hamfests. Requests for material for Chapter report submissions has gone unheeded. Heck, it's even so that two members have to do double-duty by holding two Officer positions each because an appeal for assistance resulted in total room silence. Hey guys, this is your Chapter too! Unless more interest is shown, must we be forced to make some hard and drastic decisions regarding the future of our group?

Larry Rybacki, WA2ARA, President/Secretary

Chapter 76, Blue Ridge (NC)

Well, here 'tis ... the Ides of March (well, almost) and time to "spring" the clocks ahead in our annual (congressionally mandated) ritual. You did swap out the batteries in your smoke detectors too, right? No? DO IT NOW!

We started the year with a new slate of Officers.



60-Year Awards. Left to right: W4DK, W4WZ, W3GYK, and AE4AH.



Century Awards Left to right: W4ZCB, W4WZ, K2SST, and W2GJS.

President, Tom Hewlett, W5KRL; VP, Al Smith, N4ZA; Secretary, Jeff Kelly, K4JAB; Treasurer, Bill McLane, N9BE; 1-Year Director, Charlie Chester, W8INI; and 2-Year Director, Duke Knief, W4DK. Yup, that's me at the end. Like many organizations, we were having problems getting someone (anyone) to run for Office. Seems like everyone we talked with had "been there, done that". What to do? Well, I was at the county dump last October throwing old newspapers into a large receptacle and had this inspiration ... "RECYCLE!" Our Secretary and Treasurer generally stay the same from year to year and we simply move the others up "through the chairs." Doing that, we only have to find one new candidate per year. Usually works out unless someone in the line moves out of town and then we have an accelerated "move up." So, in four years, and after a twenty-five year hiatus, I'll be "back in the saddle again" and maybe with four other Past Presidents following me in the line! Anyhow, on with the quarterly happenings.

Our January meeting, although lightly attended for any number of reasons, brought us an interesting presentation on "Moon Bounce" communications by member Dave Anderson, K4SV. Dave has a mini-estate and the acreage to accommodate several towers, beverages and the like so



A live demo by Norm Harrill, N4NH, of an old spark transmitter borrowed from the Harry Mills, K4HU collection.

why not try working moon bounce? I was in Florida but those that attended were duly impressed with the advances that have been made using moon bounce communication techniques.

Come February, we were treated to a presentation on "PARI", the Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute by Mike Castelaz. Mike has one of those exotic space PhDs and a very long and impressive list of credits (far too many for a man of his tender age). For your information, PARI was born on what remained of an abandoned, once very secret NSA/CIA tracking station... the end result of one of the several rounds of US base/facility closures. A little land swapping with the US Forest Service brought PARI to fruition as an educational institution with several very large tracking dishes, many empty buildings and a fair amount of acreage. We were truly in awe of what has been accomplished, much of it by the volunteer force at PARI. We were invited on a guided tour (by Mike) and will be there for a hands-on experience in April. I saw the bare-boned facility when it was first acquired and I'm looking forward to seeing nine years of progress. Trust me when I say that a visit to the PARI web site is well worth your time www.pari.edu/

For the last month of the quarter, we were treated to a slide show presentation on the Antique Wireless Association (AWA) Museum by the "curators and docents" of the Southern Appalachian Radio Museum (SARM). The presentation also included a live demo by Norm Harrill, N4NH, of an old spark transmitter borrowed from the Harry Mills, K4HU collection. This local radio Museum currently resides in a space (two classrooms with narrow aisles and ceiling-high shelves) loaned by the AB Technical College in Asheville. The museum has been overwhelmed with old and new equipment donations and now requires outside storage! It's a trip back in time and brings many fond memories of "the good old days." During my visits to

SARM, I see items that I once owned or used and I'm reminded that THESE are the good old days! You might enjoy a visit to the SAM web site:

www.saradiomuseum.org.

During the March meeting, we also had a presentation of QCWA member awards. 60-Year Service Awards went to W4DK, W4WZ, W3GYK, and AE4AH. Century Club Awards went to W4ZCB, W4WZ, K2SST, and W2GJS. If you look at the pictures, that's our Chapter President, W5KRL, in the middle making the presentations.

As the old cartoon character said, "Thaaaaat's all Folks!" Take care and stay well...73

Duke Knief, W4DK

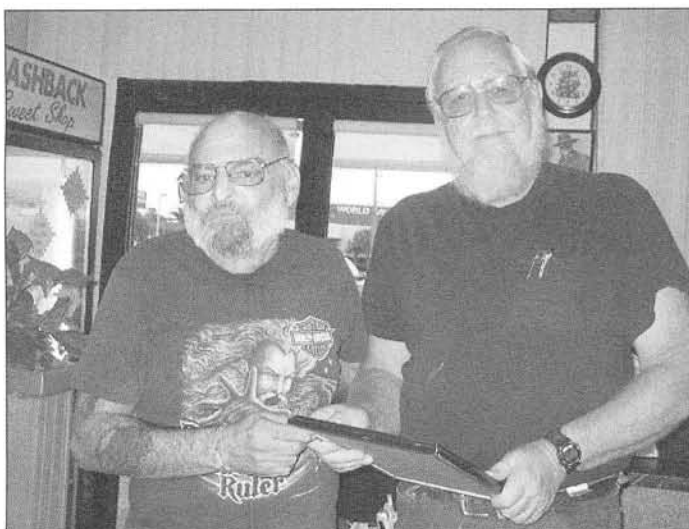
Chapter 82, Sailfish Chapter (FL)

At our February meeting President, Bob Stein, WB1HJC, presented Mike Brody, K2MHU, with his 50-Year Certificate. Mike was first licensed at 12 years old. Although semi-retired, he is still very active with his 3 motorcycles and travels to many motorcycle events throughout the country. Also an accomplished sailor, and pilot. Congratulations Mike.

On March 15th the Martin County Amateur Radio Association had it's annual Hamfest at the Martin County Fairgrounds, and as usual for the last 16 or so years, Sailfish Chapter had a QCWA information table. This year we had the pleasure of co-hosting a QCWA Forum with the Palm Beach Chapter 111. The speakers at the forum were Bob Stein, WB1HJC, President of Sailfish Chapter, who introduced and welcomed the speakers. Our National Treasurer Frank Harris, WA4PAM, Frank gave a talk on how our National Treasury (of QCWA) operates. Also Bob introduced Ken Simpson W8EK, who will be on the ballot this year. He is running for QCWA Director. Ken talked about his qualifications.



Chapter 82 members at the Martin County Amateur Radio Hamfest. L to R: Sue Simpson, N8AJU; Ken Simpson, W8EK; Bob Stein, WB1HJC; Norm Dias, W1UHY; and Hugh Connolly, AG4HC.



Bob Stein, WB1HJC Chapter President, presents 50-Year Certificate to Mike Brody, K2MHU.

We got a couple of new QCWA members to sign up, and one reinstated member. At the table there were 29 members who signed our sheet from 8 different chapters. All in all, it was a very productive day.

Norm Dias, W1UHY, Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter 85, Ark-La-Tex (LA)

Chapter 85 held its first quarterly meeting of 2008 on January 28.

Johnny O'Dell, KA5BQM, related several interesting stories about his recent trip to Afghanistan. Johnny was there to support communications as an independent contractor. Welcome home Johnny!

Our Chapter President, Roger Ley, WA9PZL, described the current amateur radio equipment onboard the International Space Station and plans for amateur communications in the future. Roger has a keen interest in satellite communications and keeps our group informed of amateur space communications news. Roger also described the possible impact of recent communications between Intelsat and AMSAT and reviewed the current status of AO-16. These are exciting times for amateur space communications.

Mike McCrary, WB5LJQ reported on his recent contact with Sci-Port Discovery officials. We will visit the facility in the near future to determine the physical layout for the planned installation of a VHF radio receiver.

John Stewart, AA5KV announced that several Chapter members are eligible for QCWA longevity awards. Awards will be made at the next Chapter meeting or before.

The Lunch Bunch will be back to its normal schedule after the holidays. We meet on Thursdays at Luby's

Cafeteria in Bossier City. The group assembles about 11 AM. All are welcomed.

John Stewart, AA5KV, Secretary

Chapter 89, Palmetto (SC)

I missed the regular February meeting in Columbia because of illness. I was down with the flu bug so I don't have a report of Chapter activities for this issue but I am sending along a writeup for one of our oldest members of Chapter 89:

The North Augusta Belvedere Radio Club is the Aiken County SC Amateur Radio Club for the Aiken county area. This Award was presented to Charles N. Wright, W4PED, QCWA # 9471, in recognition to his service to amateur radio. In addition to the things listed in the presentation ceremony Charlie was a founding member of South Carolina Palmetto Chapter 89 of QCWA along with Hugh Minton, K4FR, and a host of others. The earliest written record that I was able to find of QCWA activity in SC was at a hamfest in Greenville March 13, 1976. Charlie served as an Officer of Chapter 89 for many years until ill health forced him to give up his QCWA activities.

AWARDS PRESENTATION TO CHARLES N WRIGHT, W4PED, MARCH 10 2008.

We still have three members who have been with the club since its founding 53 years ago. Tonight we honor one of them who has contributed outstanding service to the club as well as to the amateur radio on the national, state, and local levels.

Charlie Wright was one of the founding members of the club in 1955 and served as an Officer that very first year. He has served at least 12 years, and although that total number has been exceeded by others (for instance, we have had Tom Arnold, W4KVF, as Treasurer for 29 years and still counting), Charlie is only one of us who served as President 6 terms. Those of you who have served as President know that job can be demanding and can take considerable time to keep up with the meeting places, presentation topics, and routine club business.

A few of Charlie's other deeds, accomplishments and honors: In 1969, The South Carolina Amateur News (SCAN), a publication of the South Carolina single Sideband net, made its debut with Charlie as publisher. By the way, next month will be the 50th anniversary of the SC SSB net. Charlie was the first licensee of our club repeater, which started in 1973 as WR4ABB.

Charlie was awarded the Roanoke Division ARRL service Award in 1976 in recognition of a long history of significant consistent contributions to Amateur Radio on the division level.

Charlie has achieved membership in the ARRL "A-1"



Charlie Wright, W4PED, with XYL, Nancy, KA4REK.

Operators Club. Since its foundation in 1933, recognition as an A-1 operator has represented acknowledgment of a ham's high standard among his peers who were A-1 operators themselves. Membership is by invitation of current members only, and those nominations are not made lightly.

Charlie has served several terms as ARRL Roanoke Division Assistant Director.

Charlie has maintained an excellent history of Club activities. He has acted as photographer at many Club functions and maintains extensive unofficial Club photographic history that he did in 1988 which you can read on the Club website:

<http://mywebpages.comcast.net/rwilliams309/K4NAB.html>

In addition to all those activities, Charlie is an accomplished DX'er, having achieved the distinction of being awarded the VERY FIRST 5BDXCC (5 band DX Century Club) Certificate ever issued by ARRL in 1969. The Club takes pride in your accomplishments because you are one of us, and have been for 53 years. Some of your other friends around the CSRA (Central Savannah River Area, the metropolitan area of Augusta, Ga.) have joined in honoring you by adding their names to this certificate which we present to you tonight.

Among the many other awards that Charlie has includes: 50 Year ARRL Award on July 7, 1999 and Meritorious Award from Georgia QCWA Chapter 100, Augusta, Ga.

Ralph B. Mott, N4RM

Chapter 91, Vic Clark (VA)

Since the stories and photo albums covering all of our chapter's recent events are found on our website:

<<http://homepage.mac.com/rucker/chapter91/>>

only a capsule summary of each recent event follows.

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2008 QCWA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

October 3-5, 2008 • Virginia Beach, Virginia, USA

Hosted by Tidewater Chapter 119

Convention Hotel: The Cavalier, Oceanfront at 42nd Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Single or double rooms are available for \$90.00 (+ taxes) per night. For reservations, contact the hotel directly at toll-free 1-800-446-8199 or 757-425-8555 (local) with the special reservation code QCWA 2008. Reservations must be made by 10 Sep 2008 to insure convention rate. Convention rates are available for 29 Sep thru 8 Oct, 2008.

Registration Form

Name: _____ Call: _____

Spouse: _____ Call: _____

Guest/Friend: _____ Call: _____

Youth (Under 18): _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Country: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Staying at Convention Hotel? ☐ Yes ☐ No Local Contact: _____

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Pre-Registration* (Before 1 Aug 08)	_____	@ \$32.50 =	_____
Registration (After 1 Aug 08)	_____	@ \$37.50 =	_____
Spouse Registration	_____	@ \$10.00 =	_____
Guest/Friend Registration	_____	@ \$25.00 =	_____
Youth Registration (Under 18)	_____	@ \$5.00 =	_____
2008 Convention Pin	_____	@ \$6.00 =	_____
Airport Transportation Service: \$22.00 one way/\$40.00 round trip per person	_____	@ \$22/40 =	_____
Friday Meet N Greet Reception	_____	@ \$32.50 =	_____
Saturday Banquet: Please indicate meal choice & number: _____ Beef _____ Seafood	_____	@ \$45.00 =	_____
Thursday Welcome To Virginia Beach Tour (Minimum: 15 registrations)	_____	@ \$50.00 =	_____
Friday Norfolk Tour (Minimum: 35 registrations) Lunch Incl.	_____	@ \$70.00 =	_____
Saturday Mariner's Museum and Va Air/Space Museum Tour (Min: 35 registrations) Lunch Incl.	_____	@ \$75.00 =	_____
Sunday Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown Settlement Tour (Min: 35 registrations)	_____	@ \$60.00 =	_____
Tour GO/NO-GO Date: 1 Sep 2008. Tour registration fees refunded if tour is cancelled.		Total =	_____

Please check web site www.qcwa-chapter119.org for full tour package information. *Early registration before 1 Aug 2008 entitles each early registrant to a ticket to win a 2 Meter handheld transceiver. Drawing at Meet N Greet Reception.

Make check or money order payable to **"QCWA 2008 Convention"** and send to: Mr. Barry Priddy, K5VIP, Convention Treasurer, 723 Peachtree Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23322

QCWA 2008 International Convention

October 3 - 5, 2008

Tour Package Information (Abbreviated)
Complete details at www.qcwa-chapter119.org

Norfolk International Airport Meet and Greet Service. Personal Meet and Greet service and airport transfers to and from the hotel can be arranged as an option for your convenience. You must provide your arrival/departure information and we will stage a staff person on site to meet and direct you. Your personalized information will be provided in advance of your arrival. Cost: \$22 one way/\$40 Round Trip per person.

• Thursday, October 2, 2008, 10:00am – 2:00pm

WELCOME TO VIRGINIA BEACH TOUR — B.O.D. Spouse Program (Open to all)

Enjoy beautiful views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay
See the historic lighthouses and the First Landing Cross at Cape Henry
See where the famous Battle of the Capes took place during the Revolutionary War
Tour NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN – including one of the largest collections of azaleas and camellias
Enjoy a relaxing trackless train ride through the gardens and 115 acres of colorful landscapes

Enjoy lunch on your own in the café on site

Visit ROWENA'S, in Norfolk, famous for fresh baked pound cakes and unique jams, jellies and sauces

Tour package: \$50.00 per person. Minimum Registrations: 15

• Friday, October 3, 9:15am – 4:15pm

NORFOLK TOUR LUNCH INCLUDED.

Ride through the lovely historic district and restored areas
See the historic St. Paul's Church, built in 1739, lone survivor of the Bombardment of Norfolk in 1776
Tour NAUTICUS, THE NATIONAL MARITIME CENTER, including the Hampton Roads Naval Museum
Tour the BATTLESHIP WISCONSIN, BB-64, the famous Iowa class battleship berthed at Nauticus
Board the Victory Rover for a two hour Hampton Roads Harbor cruise where you will see aircraft carriers, nuclear submarines, guided missile cruisers and all the other ships in this busy harbor.

LUNCH PROVIDED ON BOARD VICTORY ROVER

Tour MACARTHUR MEMORIAL and view 25 minute film chronicling General MacArthur's life
Visit MACARTHUR CENTER – indoor mall with over 150 specialty shops. Boutiques, and restaurants
Visit DOUMARS – home of the world's first ice cream cone. Ice cream cone treat included.

Tour package: \$70.00 per person. Minimum Registrations: 35

• Saturday, October 4, 9:00am – 4:00pm

MARINER'S MUSEUM/VIRGINIA AIR AND SPACE CENTER TOUR LUNCH INCLUDED.

Tour the Mariner's Museum — one of the largest maritime history museums in the world
See the fascinating USS Monitor Exhibit — Civil War ironclad ship

Lunch provided at the Mariner's Museum

Tour the VIRGINIA AIR AND SPACE CENTER — NASA Langley Research Center Visitor's Center

Includes admission to an exciting movie in the 300 seat IMAX Theater

Tour package: \$75.00 per person. Minimum Registrations: 35

• Sunday, October 5, 8:30am – 4:30pm

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG AND JAMESTOWN SETTLEMENT TOUR

History narration while enroute to Williamsburg, VA
Interpreter/Guide will conduct a 1.5 hour walking tour of Colonial Williamsburg.
Enjoy LUNCH ON YOUR OWN at one of the Colonial Taverns, or in Merchants Square.
Tour Jamestown Settlement. See an Indian village, a Jamestown fort as it was in 1607, and the three ships: Susan Constant, Godspeed, and Discovery that transported English colonists to Virginia.

Tour package: \$60.00 per person. Minimum Registrations: 35

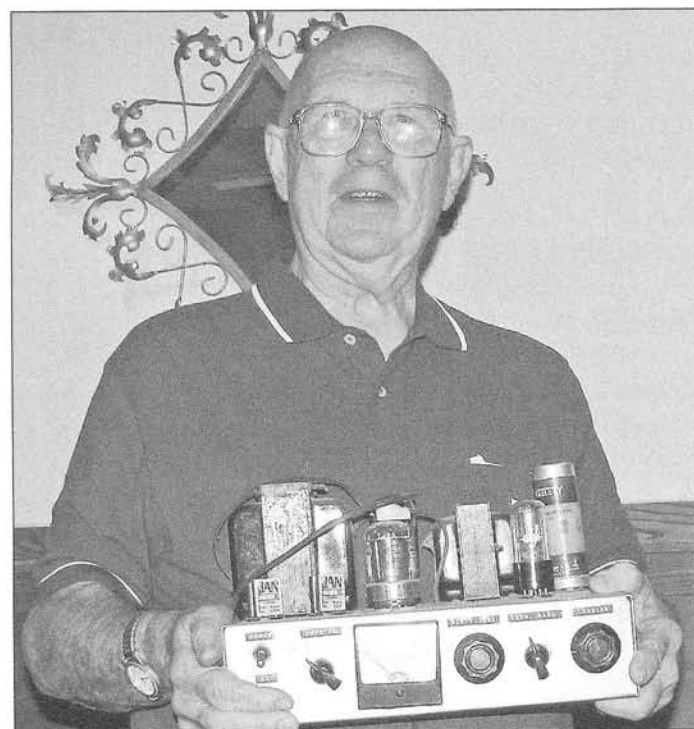
Tour packages include: Motor coach transportation, tour guide services, admissions as listed, meals as listed, taxes and gratuities. Gratuities for guide and driver are NOT INCLUDED and are at the discretion of the individual.



Mike Steussy, AE4R, chatting with Leila Cutchall, WN4PP.



Chapter 91's tour of the Liberty Ship, SS John W. Brown.



John Reiser, WQ4L, showing off the first rig he built.

January: Our featured speaker at Neighbor's Restaurant in Vienna, VA, was Mike Steussy, AE4R, who

restores vintage gear for his own collection. He described the steps involved, using as an example a Hallicrafters SX-100 Mk 2 receiver he acquired in 2006. Probably manufactured in 1962, it spent most of its life on a shelf in a garage accumulating a layer of crud. Consequently, it required careful cleaning and replacement of some components. You can see photos of the steps in its restoration, what it looked like "before" and "after," and of his extensive collection of "boat anchors" on our website.

That's Mike chatting with Leila Cutchall, WN4PP, in the first photo. Leila and her hubby Carol, WA4GFW, were elected as our new co-Secretaries for 2008.

February: On a bright winter's day, we toured the Liberty Ship, SS John W. Brown, where she is currently docked at a pier off Clinton Street in Baltimore. From May to October, she makes "living history day cruises" out of a more passenger-friendly dock nearby. Chapter 91 members Byron Black, W4SSY, and Dick Rucker, KM4ML, have each taken the cruise and recommend it highly.

Chapter 91 member, Ralph Albers, W4ER, served as a radio operator on three of these vessels during WWII, and today, he and his wife, Birdie, are active members in Project Liberty, the volunteer organization that maintains and operates the John Brown today.

Our tour focused on the radio room and the engine room; both are described in some detail on our website, along with a brief history of the building of 2,571 Liberty Ships during WW II, the largest ship-building program ever.

QCWA Chapter 20 member Tom Gibson, W3DJ, was our host and showed us the radio room, and the two bridges - one inside and one outside - from where she is piloted. He then turned us over to Jerry Collins, AF3H, who showed us the engine room. That's Tom in the second photo holding forth to our group on the outside bridge.

March: Fourteen of us sat around telling stories about our first rigs. That's John Reiser, WQ4L, showing off the first rig he built. This was around the time he upgraded from his Novice license. His test-giver was Dick Cotton, W8DX, who at the time headed the FCC's field office in Detroit.

Dick Rucker, KM4ML

Chapter 110, Kansas (KS)

Kansas chapter 110 held their spring meeting and dinner at The Swedish Crown Restaurant on March 29, 2008. After a fine meal, we had a round of introductions because we had invited several guests. We had members from Topeka, KS. On the east to members from Liberal, KS on the west. We had 37 members and guests present. Guests from as far away as Cameron, MO (W0FCE). In



Al, W0BBO and his xyl, Marion (r) and David, W0FCL's, friend, Sharon, on Al's left.

talking with several members I believe if I had time to write things down we would have enough info to fill several QCWA Journals. We didn't get a picture of the group as several xyls were eager to shop in Lindsborg.

We did get a picture of our oldest member, Al, W0BBO. He said as long as he can remember he has been fascinated by radio. "No one had a radio nearby the farm in eastern Kansas. In the 20s and 30s TIMES WERE VERY TOUGH. The dust bowl or the dirty thirties...some of the hams were building crystal sets. Only larger cities had commercials transmitters: Kansas City, De-Moines, Denver (KOA). Since times were tough very few of us had money to buy more than necessities, nothing left for crystal sets. After a time, I landed a job in a hardware store and would go in early and turn on the radio to see if I could hear W0FLZ, Cristy. Soon we started hearing rumblings about war and after, Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. I served in the Navy, and after being discharged, I settled in Topeka, KS. Got acquainted with an active ham and soon found myself studying and working the code and soon I went to Kansas City to take the test and passed. My first rig was a 6L6 and soon I added another 6L6 and upped the power. Then I bought a modulator kit and then I was on the phone checking into local nets and working DX. Ham radio has been part of my life since 1950. I hope to be active for a while yet, after all I am only 95 years old!"

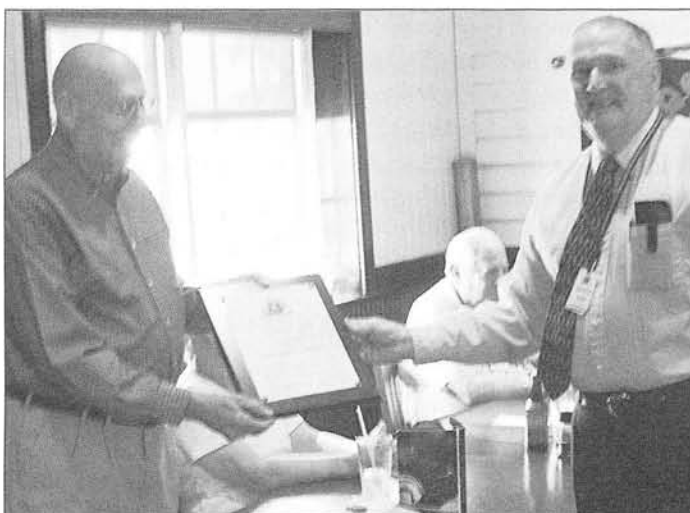
Alvin Wiechman, W0ME, Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter 111, Palm Beach (FL)

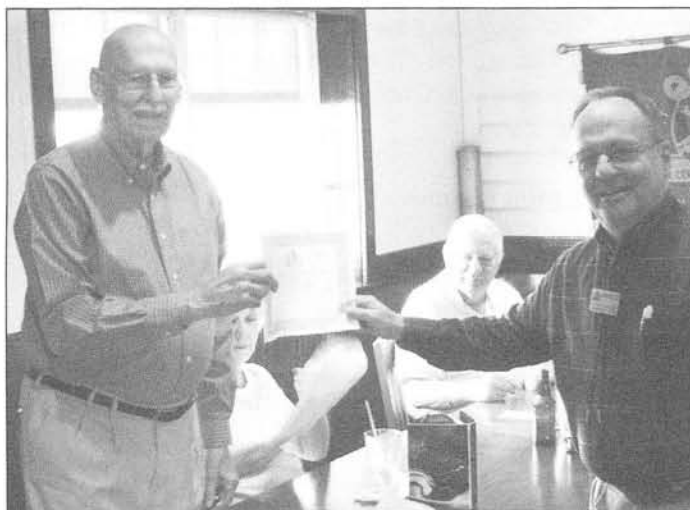
Greetings from the sunny Palm Beaches! Both the Palm Beach & Sailfish Chapters flew their respective QCWA banners at the ARRL Southern Florida Section Convention held in conjunction with the Stuart hamfest on March 15th. Along with myself, National Treasurer, Frank Harris, WA4PAM; Chapter 62 President, Ken Simpson, W8EK;



Frank Harris, WA4PAM, QCWA National Treasurer; Hugh Connolly, AG4HC, Chapter President; Leon Katz, K2EWB; Allen Richter, W4PHL; Alan Maslin, N3EA; & Jeff Beals, WA4AW, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer.



President, Hugh Connolly, AG4HC; presenting 75-Year Plaque to Allen Richter, W4PHL.



National Treasurer, Frank, WA4PAM (r), presenting QCWA Life Membership Certificate to Allen, W4PHL (l).

Chapter 62 Treasurer, Sue Simpson, N8AJU; Sailfish Chapter President, Bob Stein, WB1HJC; Sailfish Chapter Secretary, Norm Dias, W1UHY; & Palm Beach Chapter President, Hugh Connolly, AG4HC, were on hand to spread the QCWA gospel at the booth & at the QCWA forum. Our March luncheon meeting was held at the Red

Lobster Restaurant in West Palm Beach for a most special occasion. Charter Chapter member, Allen Richter, W4PHL, was honored with a plaque from HQ for his 75th year as a licensed radio amateur as well as a life membership in QCWA. Allen was first licensed in 1933 as W9NJD. Allen has had a long, distinguished career in communications engineering in the broadcasting, military communications, manufacturing & emergency management fields. Allen & his XYL, Irene, share time between their Bartlesville, OK & Jupiter, FL QTHs. Along with Allen, the Chapter presented Golden Certificates to Charter Member, Leon Katz, K2EWB, & Chapter VP, Alan Maslin, N3EA, commemorating their 50 years in amateur radio. Congratulations to you all! The Palm Beach Chapter meets on the last Tuesday, monthly, 1130 hrs local, at Perkins Restaurant on Military Trail in West Palm Beach. Talk in on the WA4FM 147.045 repeater. If your travels bring you to the Palm Beaches, please join us at our monthly luncheon meetings.

Jeff Beals, WA4AW, Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter 112, Yankee (MA)

QCWA Chapter 112 held their winter meeting on February 23, 2008 at the Yangtze River Restaurant, Littleton, MA.

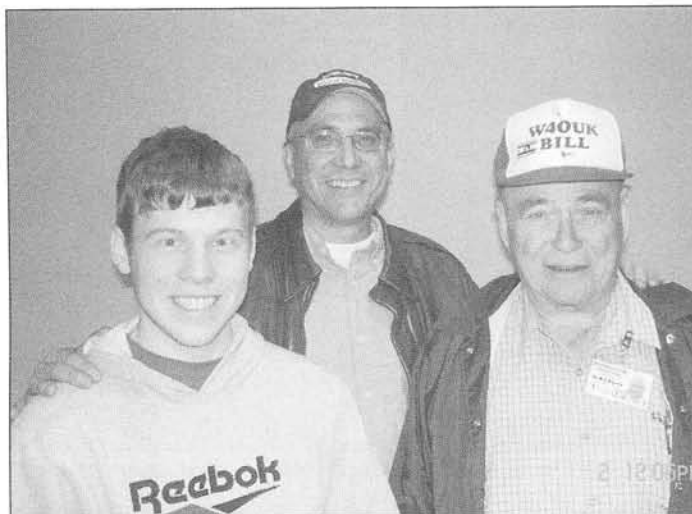
Due to the bad weather, our group was small. We had great conversation and the meeting was informal. There were nine members present. The food was great as always. K4IJK, Janice, passed around the photos taken at the Denver Convention. Our next meeting will be our annual meeting at the Chateau Restaurant in Norton, MA on April 19, 2008.

Janice Lentz, K4IJK, Secretary

Chapter 119, Tidewater (VA)

Membership continues to be strong crossing into 2008. Chapter 119 welcomes new members: John A. Bonck, N3JB; Bill Brown, Jr., WA4YEL; Jim Bulebush, WB4KKT; and Richard Pruhs, WA3RP. These fine gentlemen "raised their hand" so to speak, at the Richmond Frostfest. Congratulations, and thanks for signing on with the best Chapter in this part of the State (OK, so we're the only Chapter in this part of the state – but we're very proud and we do cherish each and every new member).

The Richmond Frostfest, held in February, as usual, was a particularly fine event this year. A new location at the Richmond International Raceway brought significantly upgraded facilities, ample meeting space, and a turnout of dealers and amateurs not seen in this area in many



Three generations of Amateurs with QCWA in their blood. Bill 'Doc' Brown, W4OUK; son Bill Brown, Jr, WA4YEL; and grandson, Justin Robins, KI4QEL, candidate for membership in 2031! (R-L)



A family affair. Members Ron Young (President, Chapter. 119), W8RJL; and wife, Judy Young, W4JJY.

years. Accompanying these notes is a picture of three generations of a family who showed up at the QCWA booth – Doc Brown, W4OUK, a long-time and highly esteemed Chapter 119 member; his son, Bill, Jr. WA4YEL, who signed on as a member at the hamfest, and his grandson, Justin Robins, KI4QEL. Justin is a few years away from being eligible for membership, but we have his name on the waiting list and the minute he qualifies we will have him in the fold.

Pictured in this report are the only other family membership currently signed up with Chapter 119 – Chapter President Ron, W8RJL with his wife Judy, W4JJY. There are other family memberships in the works, and they will materialize when the time is right.

There were many visitors to the Frostfest QCWA booth from several Chapters. Honored guests included our own QCWA President, John Johnston, W3BE, representing

Chapter 20 and Chapter 91; Ed, W4EBR, Chapter 91; Art, K2DJL, Chapter 77; Ray, K5RJ, Chapter 91; Dave, WA4DJ, Chapter 91, and a whole group of individuals from Chapter 119 and others who came by to say hello and sign the guest register. All who came by the QCWA table helped to make the Frostfest a really special event.

Chapter 119 was represented by Secretary/Treasurer, Vic, W4VIC, at the Orlando Hamfest, also in February. The mission was to help publicize the 2008 International Convention. There was a very congenial group at the ARRL booth, led by the omnipresent QCWA President, John, W3BE; and Croft Taylor, VE3CT. Al Lapeter, K2AS, and the Chapter 41 (CITRUS) group made the visit very special. The next hamfest on the tour is the Chesapeake Springfest, sponsored by the Chesapeake Amateur Radio Service on April 6, then the Raleigh Hamfest the following weekend. These are busy days indeed.

2008 Convention Treasurer, Barry, K5VIP, reports that registrations are trickling in for the October Convention (October 3 - 5, 2008 at the Cavalier Oceanfront Hotel, Virginia Beach.). Program guru, President, Ron, W8RJJ, reports that slots are being filled for the Convention program. By the time you read this, the full program will be settled and available on the Chapter 119/Convention web site: www.qcwa-chapter119.org. The early registration prize, a new full-featured hand-held transceiver, will go to some lucky registrant who signs on before the early registration deadline, Aug. 1st. THINK 2008 CONVENTION.

Vic Culver, W4VIC, Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter 120, Quarter Century Wireless Women

I would like to invite as many of our members that are keen on travel and find they are available, to attend our annual meeting in Virginia Beach, VA on Friday, October 3, 2008. This also corresponds with QCWA's three-day Convention at the same location. We will be staying at the beautiful Cavalier Oceanfront Convention Hotel in Virginia Beach. This is an outstanding area to visit and Tidewater Chapter 119 has laid out a banquet of events for our enjoyment. Just visit the center spread of the Spring 2008 issue of our QCWA Journal for all the details.

Our meeting agenda will include nominations for, and the election of, a Chapter President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in any of these positions, please let me or any of the Board members know of your desire. I can be reached by email at wa9jmo@wi.net; by telephone at 262-639-7327; and/or snail mail at 5400 Six Mile Road, Racine, WI, 53402-

9741. Or contact any of our other Officers: President, Janice Lentz, K4IJK at k4ijk@verizon.net; Vice-President, Carolyn Harrison, WBØOUM at carolynwb0oum@alltel.net; Secretary, Ann Nutter, VE3HAI, at barcann@gmail.com; or our Webmaster, Bob Roske, NØUF, at broske@hutchtel.net.

On a very sad note, one of our ardent supporters and long-time Chapter Director, Jan Scheuerman, W2YL, is a Silent Key. Jan was a wonderful person who will be missed by many. Chapter 120 has made a memorial donation to the QCWA Scholarship Fund in her name.

We are still looking for members – contact information for our current and recent members and any new ones wishing to join our little band. We have only one meeting a year at the site of QCWA's International Convention. Visit our web site at:

<http://www.qsl.net/qcwa120/> for all our relevant information.

After 14-inches of snow just before Easter, I am really looking forward to the warm breezes and sunshine that summer promises to bring. Hope your summer is wonderful!

Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, Treasurer

Chapter 126, Piedmont (NC)

The Piedmont Chapter 126, QCWA met on March 22, 2008 at the Best Food Cafeteria in Siler City, NC. There were 17 members and guests present for the meeting.

The board meeting began at 11:00 AM with the following members present: President, Chuck Littlewood, K4HF; VP, Jack Emerson, W4TJE; and Directors, Wes Jones, WJ4DX; and Wayne Ashworth, W4HG. Secretary/Treasurer, Charlie Swindell, WB4DCM, was excused.

The Board discussed these issues: The next meeting is tentatively set for June 7, 2008 at the Classic Restaurant in Denton, NC. Anyone with program suggestions should



Chapter 126 folks (l to r): Kent, K4MK; Bill, K4CIA; Clarence, K4SHU; and Robert, W4MBD.



Chapter 126 members Rick Faust, N2RF; and Kent Miller, K4MK, receiving their QCWA 50-Year Licensed and 50-Year Continually Licensed Certificates from Chuck, K4HF.

contact Vice President, Jack, W4TJE. It is important for all members to stay tuned to the health and welfare of our members and their families and to advise the membership and/or Chapter Officers of important events. Wearing your ham badge to all ham and Chapter events is helpful.

President, Chuck called the general meeting to order at 12:45pm and welcomed all. Following grace everyone introduced themselves. We paid our respects to recent deceased members K4CEB, W4TIM, K4BWC and their families. There was a brief business session. The Net report per W4DGJ: 179 total check-ins. 16 total Nets averaging 11.2 stations per net. K1AF and W4DGJ missed one net and KM4UO and WJ4DX missed two nets. Everyone was reminded that the net meets on 3825 KHz at 8:45 AM (local time) on Saturday mornings.

Chuck introduced Rick and Ann Faust, N2RF, of Newton, NC; and Paul Patterson, N4CE, of Stoneville, NC, our newest Chapter members. Welcome! Wayne Ashworth, W4HG; and Clarence Beaver, K4SHU, won the door prizes. Rick Faust, N2RF, won the 50/50 drawing. Thanks to K4MJL for her help. K4MK and N2RF were recognized as having received QCWA National Certificates for having been licensed at least 50 years and continuously licensed for fifty years. If you receive ANY National QCWA Certificates or Awards please let us know so we can recognize you for your achievements.

Everyone was reminded that dues for 2008 should be paid to Mary Jo, K4MJL, at the meeting or by mail to Charlie, WB4DCM. All Chapter 126 members need to maintain their National QCWA membership. We thank Jack Emerson and Billy and Carolyn Stewart for manning our Chapter 126 booth at the Charlotte Hamfest March 8.

The Raleigh Hamfest and NC State ARRL Convention is April 12. John Johnston, W3BE, QCWA National President and Staff will man the QCWA Booth at the hamfest and will be promoting the QCWA Annual National Convention on October 3-5, 2008 in Virginia Beach, VA.

John will also be presenting a forum "What is QCWA." Visit: <http://www.rars.org/hamfest> and <http://www.qcwa.org> for more details.

Upon conclusion of our business meeting, our guest presenter, Wayne, W4HG, was introduced. Wayne has a growing collection of Dxpedition Video DVDs. He played the 2007 Scarborough Reef Dxpedition in the South Pacific. To K4HM's question, several folks in attendance indicated they had made contact with them. Thanks to W4HG, W4TJE, and RARS/W4DW, for the use of the equipment. W4HG organized a brief picture-taking session outside. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Chuck Littlewood, K4HF, President

Chapter 128, Pelican, St. Petersburg (FL)

The December 2007 meeting was the beginning of a new era....VOLUNTEERS. John Smith, W4ACG, volunteered to take the reins as Pelican Chapter President, and new member Joe Rubin, W4CBJ, offered to take on the responsibilities as Vice President. Members greatly appreciate the dedication to the job by outgoing President, Ken Johnson, WA4TOP; and Vice President, Ron Hall Sr, KP2N. After those two positions had been filled, the volunteer spirit seemed to have run its course and no one else wanted the jobs so Ed Chandler, W4NEO; and Walt Supina, N3WS, agreed to continue their positions as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Former QCWA National President, Croft Taylor, VE3CT, conducted the induction of all the Officers and Board members. Walt Supina presented the QCWA Meritorious Award to Ken Johnson, WA4TOP, for his dedication to the Pelican Chapter as President and as Secretary.



Ken Johnson, Walt Supina, Croft Taylor, Joe Rubin, Ed Chandler, Jarvie Mullins, Front row: John Smith.



Jim Eberwine, Croft Taylor, Ed Chandler, Ron Hall Sr., and Jarvie Mullins.

In February 2008 QCWA Past National President Croft Taylor, VE3CT, did the honors presenting 5 awards. Jim Eberwine, W4APV, and Ron Hall, KP2N; received 55-Year Certificates while Ed Chandler, W4NEO; and Jarvie Mullins, WA4GJH, received 50-Year Certificates. Congratulations to you all. Croft also presented an unusual Certificate to Ben Letson, W4BT. Apparently Ben took first place in the 1968 QCWA QSO party (as W4BGO) but never received a Certificate. He had made 245 QSOs, working 95 of the 96 hours; second place went to W3IN with 189 QSOs. Ben finally received the Certificate. Job well done, Ben.

Walt, N3WS, Secretary

Chapter 146, Twin State Chapter (NH)

The Twin State Chapter will again play host to the New England Chapters meeting and picnic at Moody Park in Claremont, NH on July 28th, 2008. There is a no charge for entrance to the park. The time is 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Our Chapter will provide charcoal for this event. This will be our 4th year and we are proud to say it has been an excellent gathering of QCWA members and guests. Last year, our event took place at the Mt. Tom recreational facility in Holyoke, MA. We are hoping that this year, with our new venue, we will rid ourselves of the "rain genie" and have clear skies for all to enjoy this picnic.

Please bring your lawn chairs, as seating is limited. We will have a "common" table where you can bring a main dish or dessert if you would like to share. Bar-b-que pits are available for that fine T-bone steak, hamburger, or hotdog you may bring. I can smell it cooking now, yum! Hope to see you there!

Our Chapter will hold its annual "Spring Fling" in Keene, NH on Rte 12, on April 26th, 2008 at Papagallos Restaurant.

With sadness, I must report that we have 2 Silent Keys who have been members of our Chapter for a long time,

W1EES, Harold Chase; and W1Y CZ, Dan Truland. Both of these gentlemen will be sorely missed. Our sincere sympathies go to their families.

Don't forget our 2 nets, one on Sunday at 8:30AM on 3.913mhz and Thursday at 7:00PM on 146.76mhz, Mt. Ascutney Repeater.

Cheryl Breuning, WA1WEY, Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter 149, Nutmeg (CT)

The Feb. 9 Nutmeg Chapter 149 luncheon at Elizabeth's Restaurant in Rocky Hill, CT was called to order at 12 noon by President, Al Cohen, W1FXQ, with 42 members and guests present. It being the Saturday before Valentine's Day, the Chapter presented every lady in the room with a long-stem red rose while Cynthia Taylor, wife of Paul, K1AFI, led the group in "You Are My Sunshine". "The Man Who Wouldn't Give Up", guest speaker, John Ellsworth, founder of the nearby world-class Vintage Radio and Communications Museum, told of ongoing financial and logistical troubles he surmounted over many years in creating this outstanding, well- worth-visiting Museum which contains a working ham station, W1VCM, with



Gene Dombrowik, W1QJL (c) with sons, Daniel, W1YTZ; Robert, KB1DCN; and Carl, N1PXL.



With Julie Galin, W1EA were sons Alan N1AF, Jeffrey W1JG, Scott N1JJC and Scott's son Matthew N1JNV.

many hams among its volunteers, including the Chapter's own Charles Griffen, W1GYR. The Museum vividly illustrates how electronic communications has changed our lives. It includes everything from early radios through broadcast and TV exhibits in chronological order. Ellsworth's interesting delivery prompted question after question for a long while afterwards.

Awards were presented to K1IKE, Joe Szech, for 50 years; W1YOC, Walter Kornacki, for 55 years of service; and 70 years to W1EA, Julius Galin; and W1GHU, Wade Holcomb, who was not present.

The slate of Officers for the next year was announced as follows: Luke Lauretano, KA1SE, President; Mark Mokoski, K1PU/VK2IFH, Vice President; Gene Dombrowik, W1QJL, Secretary; Gary Awsuikiewicz, K1MQ, Treasurer. Board of Directors: Rich Monahan, K1FPP; Tom Evans, W1JC; and immediate Past President, Al Cohen, W1FXQ.

Two "Ham Families" posed for photos. With Julie Galin, W1EA, were sons Alan, N1AF; Jeffrey, W1JG; Scott, N1JJC; and Scott's son, Matthew, N1JNV.

With Gene Dombrowik, W1QJL were sons, Daniel, W1YTZ; Robert, KB1DCN; and Carl, N1PXL. Interestingly, Gene was introduced to Amateur Radio by his older brother Lucian, W1CCK, (Silent Key in 1969). Gene remembers as a 4-Year old talking to someone in New Jersey on his big brother's station in 1932.

Awards for six persons who were unable to come will be awarded at the May 10th meeting at the Groton, CT Motor Inn. Adjournment was at 1530 hrs.

Tony, W1CGI, Secretary

Chapter 151, Alberta Wild Rose (AB)

Chapter 151 members have been active and involved with The Military Museums in Calgary. They have been introducing Scouts to Morse code sending and receiving.

The following Chapter members are eligible for long-service awards: Earle Smith, VE6NM, Century Club Award; Leslie Kawamura, VE6ET, 50 & 55-Year Licensed Awards; Dave Watson, VE6EH, 55-Year Licensed Award.

The next meeting of QCWA Chapter 151 will take place April 26, 2008. There will be a programme on the University of Calgary Solar Car. Incidentally, the four engineering students involved with the solar car recently undertook their amateur radio licence exams under the supervision of QCWA. They passed with great marks.

Mitch Goodjohn, VE6SM, Secretary

Chapter 154, Leo Meyerson, Greater Palm Springs (CA)

Our January meeting was a celebration of Leo's 80th year as a ham! Fifty-four of Leo's fellow hams, spouses, and friends, attended the luncheon at Palm Desert Greens Country Club. Dave Bell, W6AQ, acting as MC, interviewed Leo about memorable events of his career. Then he circulated around the room taking comments from the other luncheon attendees.

Presenting the QCWA 80-Year Award to Leo was John Aiton, W6HAG. John was chosen because, at 75 years, he is the Chapter member having the next longest service to amateur radio. Leo was flanked by John and Les Kruger, K6JUA. These three are the known surviving charter members of QCWA Chapter 154. Leo wishes to thank all who helped make this celebration a success. Leo's products you see in the background are from the extensive collection of Jim Henderson, K6JAD.

Our February program was an outstanding one! Our own Dick Clark, K6GLB, talked about the role of the P-51 in the European Theater of WWII. Among his several activities are being a member of the Board of Directors of the Palm Springs Air Museum and a military aircraft histo-



John, W6HAG; Leo, W6GFQ; and Les, K6JUA.



Leo, W6GFQ; and Dave, W6AQ.



Leo Meyerson, W0GFQ, age 97!



Dick Clark, K6GLB, and Leo, W0GFQ.

rian. He spoke knowledgeably about British use of the P-40 and how its successor, the P-51, ordered first by them, was a tremendous performance improvement. Thank you, Dick!

Leo Meyerson, W0GFQ, is 97 years old! In lieu of a March Chapter meeting, members of the local ham community helped Leo celebrate! Thirty-eight hams, wives, significant others, etc., gathered at his home in Rancho Mirage, CA, had a delicious lunch and sang "Happy Birthday". We especially thank Dick Norton, ARRL Southwestern Division Director, for making a long trip to join us.

During the birthday celebration, Leo took the opportunity to present a QCWA 50-Year Award to Chapter member Dick Clark, K6GLB. Leo says he expects to be around to present Dick with his 60-Year Award!

Gene Pentecost, W4IMT, President

Chapter 160, Utah (UT)

Annual picnic and dinner was held in Mesquite, NV. It was attended by eight members plus their xyl's and Maryellen Vaughan, W7CKD, Chapter Secretary. A nice light lunch was served along with cool drinks, along with lots of story telling and catching up on news of the members. In the evening, dinner was hosted by Lee Hone, W7NKH, and enjoyed at the Oasis Golf Club's dinning room, arranged by Charlie Lum Kee, KH6AB.

David Raab, W7DKR accepted the position of President for the coming year and thanked Lee Hone for his service to the Chapter.

Chapter 160 is a large Chapter covering several states. A net is held each Saturday morning at 1100 local time on 7272 Mhz. All hams are welcome to check in.

A dinner was held for members in the Salt Lake City area on May 22, 2008. A good group attended with good conversation and good food.

David Raab, W7DKR, President



Those in attendance left to right, rear row, were: Dave Raab, W7DKR; Ned Stevens, K7ELP; Lee Hone, W7NKH; Bob Peterson, W7UT. (Front row) Charlie Lum Kee, KH6AB; Blair (Bud) Nelson, W7QAN; Dick Beckham, W7FVM (oldest member of Chapter); Maryellen Vaughan, W7CKD, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer.



Awards were presented to the following by President, Lee Hone, W7NKH: Left to right: NED E STEVENS, K7ELP, 50-Years; DAVID K RAAB, W7DKR, 55-Years; and BLAIRE (BUD) G NELSON, W7QAN, 70-Years. MARYELLEN H VAUGHAN, W7CKD, 55-Years (not in picture). Not in attendance: MARVIN C ZITTING, W7MR and LESTER DULANEY, W6NFO, 60-Years; NORMAN V LUCKEY, K7ZZM; ALLAN L KAMINSKY, W1IQ, 55 yrs; and DOUG HENDRICKS, N7UT, 50-years.

Chapter 162, Southeastern Wisconsin (WI)

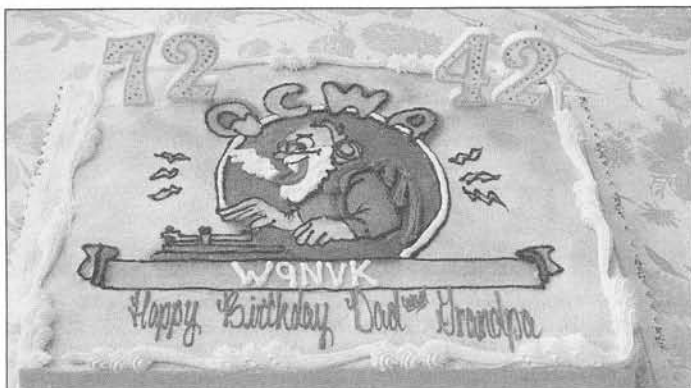
With summer lurking in the background, our thoughts have moved on to outdoor activities – Field Days the last weekend in June, and our annual picnic the third Sunday in August. Our Field Day goal remains the same as last year – to set up, make at least one QRP battery-operated QSO, and have a grand time doing so. I am happy to report that the gang is on track toward that task. And our picnic has always been a grand outing with roasted corn on the cob and great friends to share the afternoon with.

Ed Konicek, W9NVK, and son, sharing March as their birth month took the celebration along Ham Radio lines this year – QCWA lines to be exact as their celebration cake displayed our International Logo with Ed's call in the banner line. I wonder if past DX QSOs enhanced their thoughts as they consumed the cake? Congratulations, Ed!

Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO; and Gary Erickson, N9GE, have the task of selecting this Year's recipient of our Chapter's Spencer Clope, W9LDH, \$500 annual scholarship. Eligible candidates, at the time of applying, need to be a high school senior or attending college, and must be enrolled at an accredited college with at least 12 credits in the fall of this year. The candidate's home of record must be within a county where one of our members resides in Southeastern Wisconsin or Northeastern Illinois. For consideration, candidates will submit an application for this scholarship consisting of their name, home of record, school attending, program of study, and the number of credits they will be taking during the fall of 2008.

The Olie Fox Committee: Dan Miller, KA9OIL; Dave Voss, WB9USI; and Ron Fox, K9AKH are looking for candidates for this year's Olin Fox, K9AKG, Award of Excellence. The nominees must have been licensed 25 years prior to receiving the Award, currently licensed and have contributed significantly to Amateur Radio and their community. If you know a Ham that fits these criteria, please jot down the information and send it one of the Committee members.

The International QCWA Board of Directors has award-



W9NVK, QCWA Birthday Cake!

ed the 2009 QCWA Convention to Chapter 162. The Convention will be a cruise on Holland America's Eurodam departing from Fort Lauderdale, on the 24th of October, 2009, and returning to the same port on Saturday, 31 October, 2009, with stops at the islands of Grand Turk, San Juan, and St Thomas with a day-long beach party on a private cay. ICOM Radio of America, Comet Antenna with NCG Company, and Collins Collectors Association, will be supporting our adventure and the latter, will be traveling with us. We hope to set up several ICOM HF stations on the ship, with Comet vertical antennas and run a weather balloon off the 10th deck tethered with a long wire antenna. I do not know what contacts we will make, but it should provide the whole ship with some great photo opportunities.

It is my sad task to report that Ray Wolfe, K9RI, and Dave Geschke, AA9HL, are Silent Keys.

Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO

Chapter 166, Colonial (PA)

The January meeting of Colonial Chapter 166 was held January 22, 2008, at Granite Farms Estates in Media, PA. Seven members attended to discuss plans for meetings in 2008. Given that meeting attendance has been dwindling steadily, it was decided that the annual picnic would continue as the main event on the Chapter calendar. The format will follow last year with no fee for members and minimal fees for guests. A speaker on a current Amateur Radio topic will be found.

This report is being written before the date and speaker are known. Watch the Chapter 166 page at <http://home.dejazd.com/gadboisg/qcwa/> for updates.

After the business meeting, John Dyckman, WA3KFT, presented a pictorial history of Amateur emergency communications in southeastern Pennsylvania. John is an avid photographer and showed photos of many Field Day operations over many years. John reported many details of the operations.

George Gadbois, W3FEY, Assistant Secretary



Members shown in attached photo left to right: John Dyckman, WA3KFT; Jim Faries, W3A0A; Bob Evans, N3AHP; Joe Potts, W3UMX; Woody Sbei, W3TTW; and George Gadbois, W3FEY.

Chapter 169, Sacramento Valley (CA)

Chapter 169 has a lunch/meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Denny's Restaurant located at 7900 College Town Drive in Sacramento. The facility is just north of Highway 50 on the west side of Howe Avenue and parking is available.

Our meetings this past quarter included: A video about a DX-pedition to Kure Island, KH7. Update on Sacramento ARRL Section activities by our Section Communications Manager, Ron Murdock, W6KJ. Talk and pictures of antenna 'farm' being built in Nevada City by Bill Bridges, W6FA. Short videos about Amateur Radio produced by the ARRL and QCWA.

We gather at 11:00 am for a no-host breakfast, and our meetings start at 12:15 PM. We try to finish by 1:30 pm. Yls are always welcome. For further information, please contact our Secretary, Gary Stilwell, KI6T, at (916) 961-6659.

Gary Stilwell, KI6T, Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter 181, Mid-Hudson (NY)

At a special meeting of the Chapter, held January 24th, at the Mt. Olympus Restaurant, Yonkers, NY, Chapter President, Sy Yuter, W2NBT, presented Charlie Hellman, W2RP, with his 80-Year Anniversary Award.

Charlie has had a distinguished career in Ham Radio and Electronics, and was Chairman of the Physics Department in the Bronx High School of Science. Charlie taught the kids and grandkids of many local QCWA members! He is still very active on 20 meters.

The meeting was attended by QCWA members and several non-members who know Charlie, and joined us to wish him well.

Gus, W2LAP, Acting Secretary



Sy, W2NBT (l), presenting the 80-Year Certificate to Charlie, W2RP.

Chapter 188, Lost River (OR)

The QCWA Lost River Chapter No. 188, meets monthly for a luncheon meeting at Sam's Restaurant each third Thursday at 11:30 AM.

Recently Phil Rand, W7BW, received his Certificate for 70 years as a continuously-licensed Amateur Radio Operator and Wayne Milburn received his 55-Year Certificate, also continuously licensed. The following meeting, Phil was presented with his 70-year pin. More on Phil in the next Journal.

We have a very loyal group of 17 to 20 attendees each meeting, and try to keep up with current local ham doings. We nearly always have one or more guests, and would welcome any QCWA members who may be out our way.

Carolyn Brooks, AB7ET, President



Phil Rand, W7BW (l) with his 70-Year Certificate; and Wayne Milburn, W7IJK, with his 55-Year Certificate.



President, Carolyn Brooks, AB7ET, presents Phil Rand, W7BW, with his 70-year pin.



Chapter 196's Jan Scheuerman, WA2YL. May she rest in peace. (Photo by W3BE.)

Chapter 196, Edison (FL)

This Chapter report is dedicated to the memory of our dear friend, Jan Scheuerman, WA2YL. Jan made her last journey of life on Christmas Eve, 2007. May she rest in peace.

Please visit: www.wa2yl.com and remember Jan in your thoughts and prayers.

Tad Burik, K3QC, President

Chapter 212, Mid-Ohio (OH)

Mid-Ohio Chapter 212 honored two of its members at the Chapter's February meeting.

Chapter President, Francis "Fritz" Tender, WD8E, presented Russ Payne, W8ATA; and John Tipka, W8UL, with Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc. 50-Year Certificates.

Russ was first licensed in 1958 in Pennsylvania as K3GQL. He is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a Masters Degree in Geology. Upon graduation, Russ spent several years with the Bureau of Mines and later did petroleum geology for the Consolidated Natural Gas System. Later on, Russ became a public administrator for the city of Newark, OH, as Safety Director. He finished his working career in Human Services and Children's Protective Services. Russ' activities in Amateur Radio "has multiplied several times over since retirement" in 2001.

John Tipka, W8UL, passed his first radio exam in 1958 in Ohio and became KN8JIM. He upgraded to



Left to right: Chapter 212 President, Fritz Tender, WD8E; John Tipka, W8UL, (with beard).

Technician in the summer of '58 by going to Detroit and sitting for an exam before Dick Cotton of the Federal Communications Commission. John had joined the Army in 1954, and with his ham license in hand, traveled the world for Uncle Sam. He later held W5BFZ, KL7GDA, XV5AW, KR6JT, KA6JT, HL9TR, and finally K8UL, before upgrading to Extra Class and W8UL. John retired from the Army in 1979 to Ohio and has continued his Amateur



Left to right: Chapter 212 President, Fritz Tender, WD8E; Russ Payne, W8ATA.



KC6LPL, Ed Cutler; and W6YEP, Patrick Fennacy.

activities on the digital modes. He is also active in ARES and is helping construct a digital message handling system for Ohio ARES.

Chapter 212 would like to thank these two Amateurs, as well as all the rest of the 50-plus year people in QCWA, for their help in keeping Amateur Radio alive and active for the people who followed them into the hobby.

Bob Cashdollar, NR8U, Secretary

Chapter 213, Fresno (CA)

Our Chapter now has 42 members. We have our monthly meetings on the 4th Tuesday at Noon at Carrow's Restaurant, 4480 N. Blackstone, in Fresno. All QCWA members are welcome to attend if they are in the Fresno CA area on our meeting day. Ed Cutler, KC6LPL, was presented a 75-Year Certificate plaque and a Life Member Certificate at the February meeting. Our member, Steve Weber, W6QON, #19704, became a Silent Key in March. Steve was first licensed in 1938 and had just received a 70-Year Certificate. Rest is peace, Steve. The Chapter had a booth at the 65th Fresno Hamfest in May of 2008.

Charles McConnell, W6DPD, Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter 219, Wisconsin (WI)

The NEW-UP Chapter 219 met at the Old Country Buffet in Green Bay, WI, on November 10, 2007. We held our meeting in conjunction with the Northeast Wisconsin DX Association, since the two organizations share several members. It turned out to be an excellent experience, since members of each club had a chance to find out about the other club's activities. We gained one new member as a result. It was decided to continue to share some meeting dates in the future. The Chapter 219 annual meeting will be held on May 10th at the same location as NEWDXA.

At the November meeting, Fred Neuenfeldt, W6BSF, was formally presented with his QCWA 50-Year and 50-Years of Continuous-Licensing Certificates.

Chapter 219 has begun a monthly net on the first Saturday of the month at 4pm Central Time, 5pm Eastern Time. It is an informal net, and any QCWA members are invited to check in. The frequency is 3825 kHz, plus or minus QRM.

Jim Callow, K8IR, Secretary



Chapter 219 President Dave Arnold, W8DXX (left), presents 50-Year Certificates to Fred Neuenfeldt, W6BSF.

Chapter 220, Coos Bay (OR)

Southern Oregon Coast Chapter 220 continues to grow. We welcomed new members Chuck, W6NOF, and his wife, Hilda; and Joe, WA7WLY.

We also had three new guests during this period, Bob Scott, K7IDB, and his wife, Una, KE7RZY; and Dr. John Brazer, N7ZAS, who recently became eligible to join QCWA.

We are sorry to report that Pete Larsen, K7BAA, became a Silent Key in January. He joined the Navy in 1970, and then served in the Coast Guard until his retirement in 1991. He was first licensed as KA6DWC and was an Amateur Extra Class Operator. Pete was an avid DX'er, contester and an active member of our Chapter.

We have our very informal breakfast meetings at the Minute Café in Bandon at 9am on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Visiting QCWA members and their spouses are always welcome.

Our web site is <http://www.geocities.com/qcwa220/>

Ron Oliver, W7VU, Secretary

Correction: Spring 2008 Journal

I disagree with Gerd Schrick's statements as they appear in the spring 2008 issue of the Journal. These statements appear in Gerd's story of Danny Botelho's (W1DKT) 75 years of ham radio.

The incorrect portions of Gerd's story concern the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service (FBIS), which was a section of the FCC before and during WWII. As told in the Journal, the Radio Intelligence Division (RID) of the FCC became the FBIS, and later the CIA. The truth is, the RID was established as a Division of the FCC in early 1940 to monitor foreign clandestine radio communications, especially those occurring between the Axis nations and South America. RID operations ceased in 1946. Now for a short course in history.

In 1940 the National Defense Analysis (NDA) was established informally as an activity of the Field Division of the FCC, not the RID. The purpose was to monitor enemy propaganda broadcasts. As propaganda activity increased separate monitoring stations were established. By late 1940 the amount of the anti-American propaganda was of great concern to the State Department, leading it to request President Roosevelt that the Government monitor these broadcasts. The President pointed out that the issue was one of the Defense Communications Board to consider. (The DCB was renamed on June 15, 1942 as the Board of War Communications.) The Board requested of the FCC a plan for continuing the monitoring of foreign propaganda broadcasts. On February 25, 1941 President Roosevelt directed the Secretary of the Treasury to allocate funds to establish the Foreign Broadcast Monitoring Service (FBMS) as unit of the FCC. The monitoring of foreign broadcasts was transferred to this new service. Some of the operations were co-located with RID monitoring stations. In July 1942 the FCC changed the name of the Foreign Broadcasting Monitoring Service to the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service (FBIS).

The FBIS ceased operation as part of the FCC on December 5, 1945, a Year before the RID became history. However, in a letter to the Chairman of the FCC, dated December 4, 1945, the Secretary of War emphasized the need for the monitoring to be continued by the FCC until arrangements could be made to transfer its personnel and facilities to the War Department. The proposal was accepted by the FCC on December 27, 1945 and the FBIS was transferred to the Military Intelligence Division of the General Staff on December 30 by order of the Secretary of War.

I believe the historical recount above corrects the erroneous information that the RID became the FBIS, and later the CIA.

The information above was gleaned from "The History of the Radio Intelligence Division Before and During World War II, 1940 to 1945," written by the late George E. Sterling (W1AE-W3DF).

Sterling formed the Army Radio Intelligence Service in Europe during WW I, reporting directly to General John J. Pershing. In the 1920s he was a radio inspector with the radio section of the Commerce Department under Secretary Herbert Hoover, and later with the Federal Radio Commission, and still later with the Federal Communications Commission. While with the FCC he came up through the ranks to become Assistant Chief Engineer, Chief of the RID, and later he was appointed FCC Commissioner by President Harry Truman. Sterling was the only radio amateur to become an FCC Commissioner.

Walter Maxwell, W2DU
QCWA #5938

PS—I was a monitoring officer with the RID from September 3, 1940 until April 5, 1944, after which I joined the Navy.

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2/14/2008	34309	RODICK, JOSEPH	WB4SSG	DEERFIELD BEACH	FL	-	-
2/19/2008	34310	GROVES, GORDON	K3GG	LIGHTHOUSE POINT	FL	JOHN B JOHNSTON	W3BE
2/19/2008	34311	MURRAY, JAMES	K2HN	LONG LAKE	NY	-	-

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2/19/2008	34312	PHELPS, FORREST R	WA8VQO	DAYTON	OH	-	-
2/19/2008	34313	FANCHER, DONALD F	K6TCP	GLENHAVEN	CA	RON OLIVER	W7VU
2/19/2008	34314	MAC PHERSON, RICHARD	WB1W	WILMINGTON	MA	-	-
2/20/2008	34315	BROMLEY, JAY	W5JAY	FORT SMITH	AR	HANK KOHL	K8DD
2/20/2008	34316	HUNT, DAVID A	WA6GNZ	RENO	NV	-	-
2/20/2008	34317	BROWN, E ALLEN	KZ3AB	LAUREL	MD	JOHN B JOHNSTON	W3BE
2/20/2008	34318	MASTANDREA, JOSEPH	N2DLY	ORLANDO	FL	JOHN B JOHNSTON	W3BE
2/20/2008	34319	POWER, THOMAS E, JR	W8RED	SNELLVILLE	GA	JOHN B JOHNSTON	W3BE
2/20/2008	34320	FISHER, JOHN M	W8JMF	BEREA	OH	-	-
2/20/2008	34321	HARRIS, ART	W6WK	FULLERTON	CA	-	-
2/25/2008	34322	MAZE, SAMUEL P	W8SPM	PARKERSBURG	VA	DAVID MAYS	W8UI
2/25/2008	34323	FRANKS, JOHN J	N5JJF	DEMING	NM	-	-
2/25/2008	34324	BARTNIK, DONALD L	W4DSW	TALLAHASSEE	FL	-	-
2/25/2008	34325	KNAPP, CHARLES F	WD4HEF	MIAMI	FL	-	-
2/25/2008	34326	TAYLOR, EDWIN HAROLD	VE3FRM	PORT PERRY	ON	KEITH BENTLEY	VE3DHL
2/25/2008	34327	VARCOE, ROBIN	VE3OAV	CAMBRIDGE	ON	FRASER COOPER	VE3FC
2/26/2008	34328	RICHARDS, NORMAN L	N9EVM	SEYMOUR	IN	-	-
2/26/2008	34329	KOPCAK, THOMAS A	N8ETP	WESTLAKE	OH	-	-
2/27/2008	34330	DIEPENBROCK, ROBERT L	WB0BFG	DAVIS	IL	-	-
2/28/2008	34331	JACOB, PAUL	WC9A	ALEXANDRIA	VA	JOHN W REISER	WQ4L
2/29/2008	34332	KING, RODNEY ALLEN	N9HRY	SANDOVAL	IL	DAISY F KING	AA9EK
3/3/2008	34333	POWERS, RONALD C	VE3FIN	NEPEAN	ON	CLAREDON HILTZ	VE3TL
3/3/2008	34334	HUGHES, GEORGE H	AF4GH	WARNER ROBINS	GA	JERRY DUNHAM	KE4EE
3/4/2008	34335	STORM, ROBERT F, JR	WB3EAF	NEW FREEDOM	PA	RAY SHAUB	W3AXC
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3/31/2008	34360	ROEMER, WILLIAM S	W2ZU	JASPER	NY	-	-
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3/31/2008	34362	KEISER, PAULA E	K8PK	TOPEKA	KS	-	-
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Part 7: A HAM GETS MARRIED

(continued from the Spring 2008 Journal)

If you have been following this series then I guess it's safe to say I believe that girls have had a definite impact on boy hams. Take another friend of mine, for example. Jeff — not his real name — and I met on 6-meter AM back in 1959. Jeff was easy to spot. His audio was distorted and he was always drifting up the band. Those of you who were around back then have probably figured out that Jeff's transmitter was a Heathkit Seneca.

Anyway, within my first year on the air I had gotten a reputation as one of the best repair techs on the band. At least in Brooklyn. So it was the afternoon I heard Jeff, called him and offered to try and fix his wayward radio. An hour and two subway rides later, I was at his house, in his shack, deeply engrossed in his transmitter.

The fixes were simple. A 220,000-ohm resistor, in series with the mic-input line, broke up the RF feedback in the audio. Shortening capacitor leads and sealing the VFO with candle wax stabilized his signal. And after that we were close friends.

And so it was that I was more than a bit chagrined/dismayed when Jeff called to tell me his family was moving away. Because of his asthma, they were moving over 2,000 miles away to New Mexico. We got together the following Sunday to say good-bye, promising to stay in

contact. Two weeks later, Jeff called to give me his new address and telephone number. That was our last contact for some time.

My mother was suffering from cancer. Hamming was no longer the fun of T-hunts and building experimental radios. My QSOs, primarily with Larry, WA2INM; and Ron, WA2EDU had become an all-night support group to keep me awake to care for Mom. It was not a good time.

That fall, mom passed away. I kept the part-time job I had taken at Jaxon's TV Repair and started my advanced education at New York City Community College. The school was affectionately known as The Pickle Factory because that had been the buildings earlier incarnation, and one whiff on entering the place revealed this to be true. If you can imagine spending 8 to 10 hours a day in a dry pickle barrel, then you know what the place was like.

It was about two years later that the phone rang. My brother said it was for me. On the other end was Jeff; not just calling to say hello, but to invite me to his wedding. Jeff, just out of high school, had decided to marry his longtime sweetheart, Amy, (not her real name either). Needless to say, I was excited for them, even

more so when he put Amy on the phone and I realized he had found the perfect soul mate.

At the time there was no way to make the trip. My situation at 1525 West 8th Street in Brooklyn was tenuous at best. When mom died, something snapped in dad. He became an introvert. He broke off his scant few outside social contacts and began life as a hermit. That was bad enough. His demanding that my brother and I do the same was intolerable. We would not comply, and that lead to confrontation after confrontation.

About a year later, after a lot of phone calls and prodding from Jeff and Amy, I decided to fly to visit them. Only one problem. There was no way that my overprotective and somewhat tyrannical father would ever let me make such a trip. Heck, he would not even let me go to visit friends who lived across the bridge in Manhattan. About the only place I *could* go, was to visit Larry.

Larry Levy was, and still is, WA2INM. Larry was also the kid-genius of 6-meters. As good as I was at fixing things electronic, Larry was even better at designing and re-designing.

For example, when Lafayette Radio entered the 6-meter AM transceiver market with a \$39 beast that hardly could hear anything two blocks away, it was Larry who redesigned the receiver's RF amplifier so that it could hear a signal from at least 10 miles away.

When Heathkit brought out its 4-tube, 11 meter CB radio for under \$40, it was Larry who not just re-designed it to work on the 50 MHz ham band, but also sent the information on how to do it over to Heathkit. Six months later the famed "Sixer" was in the Heath catalog. A quick look at the schematic showed that it was the WA2INM-modified Heath CB design.

Because Larry was a genius (at least he was in my dad's eyes), I could spend time at his house. It was not long before Larry and I hatched a really sneaky plot to get me to New Mexico without my father knowing.

One of the things that Larry and I did each year was to take part in the *CQ Magazine* VHF contest. The station at WA2INM may have been low budget, but it was a real performer for its day; 40 watts of homebrew RF through 40 feet of RG-8U coax to a 5-element, wide-spaced Telrex beam. The receiver was a Levy-modified Techcraft CC-50 converter, to an ancient Hallicrafters SX-

28 receiver. Tuning 14 to 18MHz gave you coverage of 50 to 54 MHz at high sensitivity and very low intermodulation distortion. If there was a signal on the band, Larry could hear it. If he could hear it, he could work it, and he had a wall filled with QSL cards to prove it. He also had a really supportive father and mother — Max and Carolyn — who knew the trauma of my life and had become my second family.

So here was the "sneaky" plan: We would tell my father that I would be spending the four-day Labor Day weekend at Larry's house to work "the contest." There were a half dozen contests each year, and dad had no idea what dates they fell on. But instead of being three miles away at the Levy home, I would take to the sky and head west.

About 7 a.m. on the Thursday preceding Labor Day, Larry and his dad popped by our house to pick me up. As usual, I had my microphone, my telegraph key and logbook in one arm and a small bag with three days of clothes and a camera in the other. What dad did not know was that in my back pocket, folded so it would not be obvious, was a round-trip ticket on TWA from what is now known as John F. Kennedy International Airport to the Albuquerque Sunport some 2,000 miles to the southwest. Just in case you have not yet figured it out, the CQ VHF Contest was not that weekend!

I'll describe the strange trip from New York to Albuquerque separately. The aircraft was an old Convair 880 and the passengers were to be kind — rather strange. Suffice to say that much later that day the three of us were seated in a Big Boy Restaurant on Central Avenue in Albuquerque where I was getting the chance to meet my new honorary kid sister. It was an evening that still lives in my mind as if it were only yesterday.

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To make a long story short, Friday and Saturday were spent showing me Albuquerque and the area surrounding it. I also got my first taste of real Mexican food, to go by tram-car to the top of Sandia Mountain, and least I forget, I became good friends with their new Pekinese.

All too soon the visit came to an end. It's just after 8 a.m. Sunday morning when Jeff and Amy walked me out to the gate where I boarded the flight home. After a rather tearful good-bye, it was through the gate and out onto the tarmac to climb aboard. At a bit after 9 pm, about 2 hours late which over the years has proven to be on time for the late, though not lamented TWA, our newer and quieter Boeing 727-200 pulled up to the jet-way at JFK.

By 10:30, bag in one hand and the ham gear (that had sat in Max Levy's car the preceding four days) in the other, I unlocked the door and climbed the stairs. My father was in his typical foul mood and only grunted a hello. He did not ask how the contest had gone. His only question was if Larry had "...made any new inventions." I lied, and told him we had spent all our time contesting, said goodnight, and went to bed. I was tired.

But the lure of the West had become a part of me and I vowed to go back. I did so — many times. Finally to be there forever.

The postscript to this story is that our Romeo and Juliet did not live happily ever after. Their marriage lasted about six years and they parted. Each has since remarried. Jeff and his second spouse have three kids. He and I speak regularly and keep in touch by e-mail. We are both Californians now.

Amy and her family are someplace in Europe. I understand she has two grown children and things have gone

well for her. Knowing she is happy also makes me very content even though I've not heard from her in over 35 years.

I shouldn't forget to explain why I was not worried that my dad would call Larry's house, and ask to speak with me while I was away in the Duke City. Simple. Neither my father or brother knew Larry's last name, and neither had any idea as to where in Brooklyn he lived. My father was from the old country and lived strictly on instinct. He liked Larry and Larry's dad. He trusted them, so he had no need to know anything else. To the day he died, he never knew that I had run away from home to share a quick weekend in the sun with another part of my ever-expanding ham radio family.

A TRIBUTE: LOU ANN KEOGH, KB6HP - S.K.

For many years I have had the honor of having the services of the wonderful Lou Ann Keogh, KB6HP, of Sacramento, California, as my manuscript editor. Much of what you have read by me in various magazines, including this one, had her "magic touch" added to it before it went to the publisher.

I first met Lou Ann when she was Editor of Worldradio Magazine. After her departure from that publication in 1997, she became a freelance manuscript editor working on a number of projects. This included several with this author including this series we titled "Geeks."

According to our mutual friend Carl Schultz, W6FJ, Lou Ann was found in her home by her family on Thursday afternoon, January 17th. Her daughter, Jenny, told Carl that it appeared as if she had "...gone peacefully."

No funeral was held. Per her wishes she was to be buried alongside her husband, Ed Keogh, WB6ETN, who preceded her to the grave. According to her son Matt, the two met via ham radio.

"73 Lou Ann. I know we will meet again one day on the other side of the great ethereal abyss."

de WA6ITF

Novice History 1951: The Beginnings

Part 2 in a Series for the QCWA Journal

by **Cliff Cheng, Ph.D., WW6CC**, formerly WN6JPA (1975)

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Headnote – Many hobbies like amateur radio do not have a well documented “history.” This “history” was compiled from many sources (see endnote); some of them are contradictory. This history is incomplete and should be regarded as a work in progress. There is an absence of YL, minorities, disabled hams and hams from the U.S. territories in this history for they are historically under-represented in ham radio.

July 1, 1951, was the date the Novice license started. The next day, July 2nd, a Monday, was the first day the examination was available. Sixteen-year-old high school senior, Elmer Harger, N7EL, took and passed his Novice at the Honolulu FCC Field Office with some of his friends. When the license came a month later, the Hawaiian novice call, WH6NEU, arrived. Elmer was ready to go on the air having built a 6L6 transmitter, made a dipole and bought a National NC-57 receiver.

Byron Engen, W4EBA, of Northwood, North Dakota, lived so far from a FCC exam site he took his Novice exam by proctor. Byron is the earliest conditional Novice located by the Novice Historical Society. (The Society’s website www.NOVICE.bappy.com), which this series on Novice history is largely based. He is also the first Novice listed in the Callbook from ND. Byron earned WN0EBA on July 24, 1951. He built a 6V6 transmitter to go with his BC454 military surplus receiver.

Twelve-year old Bill Weinhardt, W9PPG, wanted a General class license but had not developed his code speed to 13wpm. He heard about the new Novice license and waited for the next time an FCC examiner would be in Indianapolis, Indiana; the nearest exam site. Bill lived in Lafayette, Indiana, which was 60 miles away. Nervous 12-year-old Bill managed to pass! He earned WN9PPG. So far Bill and Elmer are the only 1951 Novices to have emerged to write a Novice story for the Novice Historical Society. (The Society’s website www.NOVICE.bappy.com), which this series on Novice history is largely based on.

Hank Greeb, N1XX, got started in ham radio in 1951 by going to the FCC office in Omaha, Nebraska and taking the Novice exam. Hank received WN0FVD as a Novice call. He initially used his father’s, W0HZP, rig until he got a BC-457 command set. He and his father, as control operator, worked the Nebraska 160M Phone Net during a flood. As a Novice, Hank also published an

article in CQ magazine in April 1953 on converting military command transmitters to crystal controlled. Hank earned \$15 for his writing, a fortune in those days to a 14-year old.



On her QRZ.com biography, Norma Kornacki, W1UBM, lists she was licensed in Oct. 1951 as a Novice, WN1UBM. She was then called Norma Jean Guile. Norma has the distinction of being the first Novice to earn the Worked All States (WAS) Award. She was 17 when she made her achievement.

As a youngster in Los Angeles, Richard Schachter, W6HHI, was an SWL. He noticed a large antenna a block away from his home. Every time he heard W6RIA on the air the antenna would turn. Richard went over to meet Leroy Krass, W6RIA, who became his elmer. Leroy helped him earn his Novice

License in 1951, WN6HHI. Richard made his first contact on December 1, 1951.

Steve Melachrinis, W3HF, who specializes in researching the history of ham radio callsigns, generously offered his talents and resources to The Society. Steve has a near complete collection of Callbooks; including all the Callbooks of the classical Novice era – when Novice had distinct callsigns, WN, KN, WV. Steve is a frequent contributor to the Ham Radio History (HRH) Yahoo Group, and one of the callsign elmers on VanityHQ.com.

Since there was a fire at the FCC in late-1960s which destroyed license records, the Callbook is accepted by the FCC as legal proof of licensure. We asked Steve to examine the Callbook in regards to Novice history. The Fall

1951 Callbook had no Novices listed. The Winter 1951 Callbook was the first which listed Novices. The dates covered by a Callbook are not listed, nor do not correspond to calendar years.

The Society needed to get parametric data on the start of the Novice era in amateur radio history. Steve examined the Winter 1951 Callbook and estimated if the assignment of callsigns in that particular call district was in its first or second go-round. Callsigns are issued sequentially. Prior to the introduction of the Novice license, the growth of ham radio was slow. All callsigns were original issue; that is, never issued before. Eventually all callsigns in a prefix will be exhausted.

A first go-round Novice callsign was WN#***. A go-round refers

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to the issuance pattern of sequential callsigns. In a given call district, the FCC would sequentially, by alphabet, issue callsigns. Once completed, the FCC would then go fill in callsigns previously not issued for some Years. By the time the Novice was introduced in 1951, the higher class callsigns had been reissued at least once

A common assumption was that the first Novice callsign issued had to be WN1AAA. This is incorrect. The Novice callsign presented an administrative problem for the FCC. Remember everything was done manually with paper records those days. FCC tried to issue a suffix in which there was room for the Novice to upgrade and "drop their N." If W1AAA was already issued, the FCC could not issue WN1AAA. If WN1AAA upgraded, he/she would have to be issued a different prefix. There were no K#*** callsign in 1951 when the Novice License started.

There is not a way to determine from the data in the Callbooks who actually received the first Novice license. That person could have been in any call district. It is possible that this person passed their Novice and shortly thereafter upgraded before they would have been listed in the Winter 1951 Callbook. All Steve was able to determine was who were the Novices listed in the Winter 1951 Callbook. These Novices comprise the first groups of Novices.

The Winter Callbook of 1951 lacks information on what time period it covers, but from the entries, it appears to cover from about August 1, 1951 to about November 1, 1951. There were no Novices listed in the Summer 1951 or Fall 1951 Callbooks since the Novice came into law on July 1, 1951. The Fall 1951 would contain licenses issued prior to August, and there wasn't enough time to issue a new license if the applicant could not take the test until the license started.

Steve supplied the Society with the number of Novices in each call district and the first Novice listed. We attempted to reach each of the first Novices listed in the mainland U.S. call districts plus all 13 Novices from the U.S. territories. Of 23 Novices, none were found.

In the first three months of the Novice license, there were 1,815 Novices in all ten mainland U.S. call districts. They live in 47 of the 48 United States. In addition, there were 13 Novices in the U.S. territories. There was a grand total of 1,828 Novices listed which the winter 1951 Callbook listed. Again, it appears that the last 1951 Novices from sometime in early November 1951 to the end of 1951 were carried over into the following Callbook, Spring 1952. We have no way of picking our November and December 1951 Novices from spring 1952 Novices.

July 1, 1951, was the date the Novice License started.

By call district, the Novices were distributed as follows:

1st	155	
2nd	293	
3rd	147	
4th	221	
5th	209	
6th	238	
7th	109	
8th	165	
9th	118	
10th	160	
	1,815	Continental U.S.
	13	U.S. Territories
	1,828	U.S. Total

Keep in mind, this does not mean all 1,828 Novices took to the air. We have no way of telling what percentage used their Novices. We cannot easily determine the total number who upgraded. Previously, the FCC required one to change callsigns when one moved out of a call district. There is not an easy way to track callsign changes from that era. With the advent of the 10-year license, many hams move, become inactive, do not renew or die, and then the FCC database becomes outdated.

Steve examined the first call district and found 155 spread amongst all 6 states. The Novice calls ranged from WN1TTC to WN1UCB; and appear to be on the first go-round. The range is not continuous. Not every suffix was issued to a Novice.

WN1TTC. David Beaubien of Millers Falls, Mass. was the first Novice listed in the 1951 Callbook. Again, we cannot conclude he was the first Novice in the history of American amateur radio. The Novices listed in the 1951 Callbook are part of the first group of Novice. We can infer David's license was issued before the others in the first call district. Issuance does not mean he passed the test before anyone else in the first call district. It means his application was processed before others in that batch of applications. Having said this David's does have the good fortune to have acquired a historical distinction as the first Novice listed in the Callbook! David is still listed in the FCC database as W1TTC. We attempted to call David and did not receive a reply. Then we wrote him and found out from his family that he went SK last Year. R.I.P., David.

The issuance pattern found in second call district was typical. They were in their second go-round. There were 293 Novices listed; making this the largest call district of Novices. They were from both states of the second call district, New York and New Jersey. The suffixes ranged from AAL to LRN. The first listed was Glenn C. Blizzard of NYC, WN2AAL. We emailed Glenn and got a bounce back. We wrote him but did not hear back. The next Novices were: AGD, AIE, AJB, AKM, APH, and AZB. The Bs and Cs were similarly scattered. No suffixes beginning with D, E, F, G, or H were issued to Novices. The Novice calls pick-up again in the Is and end at WN2LRN.

The third call district had 147 Novices listed for the first 4 months of the Novice License in PA, MD and Washington D.C. The range was from WN3RXB to WN3SOH. WN3RXB was the first Novice listed – to John W. Robinson of Gaithersburg, MD. There are six different John W. Robinsons (KB1DCV, KB1DVO, KE4THA, W6TOW, N7SVZ, W9VYD) currently listed in the FCC

database. None of them had W3RXB. None of them have an email or valid email address listed on QRZ.com or other databases we checked.

There were 221 Novices in all the states of the fourth call district listed in the Winter 1951 Callbook. The fourth call district was in its first go-round. The range of suffixes went from WN4TDY to WN4TSH. George W. Cook Jr., WN4TDY, of Chicopee GA was the first Novice listed. George is not listed in the current FCC database.

The fifth call district had 209 Novices in all its states in the first four months of the Novice License. The Novice callsigns ranged from WN5TDH to WN5TSO; and were in its first go-round. Kenneth Gilbert of Plainview TX was the first Novice listed; WN5TDH. We attempted to call and write Kenneth Gilbert, W5TDH but did not hear back.

There were 238 Novices listed in the first group in the sixth call district. The sixth had the second most number of Novices. The range of Novice callsigns was from WN6MUI to WN6PLH. These are probably second go-round callsigns. WN6MUI was granted to Joseph V. Becelaere of San Diego. His name does not appear in the current FCC database.

The seventh call district featured 109 Novices. None of them were in Utah. This call district started with the fewest Novices. They were on their first go-round. The Novice calls ranged from WN7PQH to WN7PYA. Their first Novice listed was WN7PQH, William A. Hargreaves of Lake Grove, Oregon. We were unable to locate William.

There were 165 Novices in the eighth call district. This call district was in its second go-round. WN8HEA was the first Novice there. The last was WN8HXM. WN8HEA was William R. Hobbie of Willoughby, Ohio. We were unable to locate him.

In all the states of the ninth call district there were 118 Novices. The ninth was in its second go-round. The range of Novice callsigns was from WN9OEP to WN9PGF. WN9OEP was granted to William J. Halligan, Jr. of Chicago. His name is no longer listed in the current FCC database.

In the last call district, the tenth, they were in their second go-round. All the states of the tenth had 160 Novices. WN0DVX was the tenth's first-listed Novice. WN0ESB was the last. Jimmy R. McDaniel of Bethany, Missouri, was the first-listed Novice. He is no longer listed in the FCC database.

The U.S. territories had 13 Novices. There were no Novices in KB6 (Canton Island), KC6 (Caroline Island), KG4 (Guantanamo Bay), KG6 (Marianas Islands), KG6S (Saipan), KJ6 (Johnston Island), KM6 (Midway Island), KR6 (Okinawa Island), KS4 (Swan Island), KW6 (Wake Island), KX6 (Marshall Islands), or KZ5 (Canal Zone) listed in the Winter Callbook of 1951.

Six Hawaiian Novices earned WH6 calls, between NER and NFN, in winter 1951: WH6NER, Phillip Ko, WH6NES, Theodore H. Murray, WH6NEU, Elmer O. Wilson Jr., WH6NEY, Francis S. Campbell, WH6NEZ, Elmer J. Harger Jr., and WH6NFN, Leonard H. L. Young. There is Francis S. Campbell in the current FCC database but attempts to reach this ham went unanswered. Elmer's story is above and on the Novice Historical Society's web-

site, www.NOVICE.bappy.com. Leonard is still listed in the current FCC database as KH6NFN. An email to his QRZ.com listed email address bounced back. We wrote him but got no reply.

There was one Novice listed in Alaska, WL7AKQ, Gilbert Monroe. He is not listed in the current FCC database.

Puerto Rico had four Novices: WP4PV, Floy J. Thompson, WP4PW, Fernando Vallecillo, Jr., WP4PZ, Richard Schell, and WP4QA, Jorge Blanch. Note these Puerto Rican Novices got 2x2 callsigns whereas other Novices were issued 2x3s. Neither Fernando, Richard, and Jorge are listed in the current FCC database. There is a Floyd J. Thompson, note the different spelling, in the current FCC database under a fairly recent callsign. We attempted to reach the 2x3 Floyd but got no reply.

The Virgin Islands, which had the Novice prefix WV4 had two Novices. WV4AY was held by Hezekiah O. Wolcott. James C. Canegata was WV4AZ. Neither of them are listed in the current FCC database.

Our first article in this series on Novice history was in the spring 2008 issue of the QCWA Journal. That first article looked at structure of the Novice License when it was introduced. Further articles in this series will cover the early-, mid- and late-1950s, DX and contests, early-, mid-1960s, 1964 Novice exam, late-1960s, early-, mid- and late-1970s, Novices in schools, and the 1980s to 2000 when the Novice License ended.

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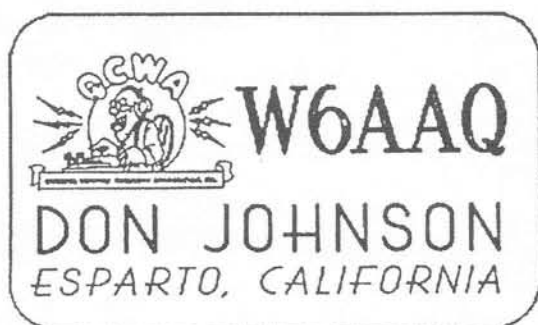
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55 WI Chapter	SUN	0830L	WA9UVK	3985	182 NORTHEAST TN	SUN	2100L	W4CZ	145.110 -
58 CO Chapter	SUN	0900L	W9KRE	3910	183 PIONEER Chapter	SUN	0930L	VARIES	3923
58 CO Chapter	SUN	0930L	VARIES	146.67-	191 MONTEREY BAY Chapter	TUES	1930L	VARIES	146.70 +
62 SUWANNEE Chapter	SAT	0900L	W4PFJ	3940	194 HAWAII Chapter	1st S	1500L	KH6B	7088
63 CENTRAL OK Chapter	SUN	0730L	W5AS	3845 kcs	196 EDISON Chapter	DAILY	0730L	VARIES	147.345 -
63 CENTRAL OK Chapter	THUR	1900L	W5HXL	147.105 +	198 MID SIERRA Chapter	SAT	0700L	VARIES	3908
64 EL PASO Chapter	SAT	0830L	W5RO	3933	204 BANKS OF THE WABASH	SAT	1000L	VARIES	145.230
65 NIAGARA FRONTIER	SUN	1330L	W2QI	3900	205 EASTERN IN Chapter	MON	2000L	VARIES	147.045+
67 AUSTIN Chapter	SAT	0900L	W5MDL	3920					pl 131.8
70 NATIONAL CAPITAL	MON	1930L	VE3QCW	147.030-	210 OMAHA Chapter	TUES	1900L	WOOMA	147.36 +
75 CENTRAL CA COAST	SAT	1000	VARIES	7260	211 NEOSHO VALLEY Chapter	SAT	0900C	VARIES	3907
76 BLUE RIDGE Chapter	SAT	0845L	W4LSK	3.740 Mhz		EXCEPT 4TH SAT			
77 NORTHERN NJ	THU	2000L	W2IET	147.030 +	213 FRESNO CALIFORNIA	4TH MON	1930L	VARIES	146.850(-)
									pl 141.3

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Membership No. _____

Date _____

First Licensed Year _____

Deposit Record _____

New Application? _____ **Renewal?** _____ **Original QCWA No.** _____

I, _____, _____
(Print Name Clearly) Present Call _____

having been licensed as an amateur for 25 years or more and presently holding the call listed above,
(it is not necessary to have been licensed the entire 25 years) hereby apply for membership in QCWA.
I understand that proof of the original date of licensing is required. My complete mailing address is :

Street Number and Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail Address _____ Telephone Number _____

I will keep QCWA Headquarters advised of changes in my address and/or call sign. My first Amateur
license was dated _____ and the Call was _____ Other Calls held _____

Date of Birth _____

I wish to become affiliated with QCWA Chapter _____

Your Signature _____

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

Select one of the following plans:

Member

Family Member
(ea. additional)

QCWA Dues for a ONE-year period \$25.00 _____

QCWA Dues for a TWO-year period \$40.00 _____

QCWA Dues for a THREE-year period \$55.00 \$12.00 _____

QCWA LIFE Membership \$375.00 \$90.00 _____

When paid in 3 equal installments \$390.00 \$105.00
within a one-year period (3 pay of \$130.00) (3 pay of \$35.00) _____

INITIAL REGISTRATION FEE, ALL NEW MEMBERS\$5.00 _____

Gold membership pins available with your call engraved (no year tag) Check fastener:

Tie-tac _____ Screw button _____ Safety pin _____ \$15.00 each _____

Year-tag pins (**tie-tac only**): 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75 or 80 \$20.00 each _____

Total _____

Proposed by _____ Call _____ No. _____

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Member Supplies

CERTIFICATES

Membership Certificates are numbered in serial order and are issued to each member. Numbers are not reissued except to the same member to whom they were first issued. There is no charge for these certificates.

- **QCWA Gold Certificates** celebrate the 50th anniversary of licensing. Issued without charge to eligible members upon proof of year of first license.
- **Gold Certificates** are issued in five-year increments; 55, 60, 65, and 70-year certificates free of charge to eligible members. Special awards are issued for 75 years and higher.
- **Fifty-Year Continuous Licensing Gold Certificate** available to eligible members. Requires submission of proof of continuous licensing. Applications are available from QCWA Headquarters.
- **QCWA Century Club Certificate** is issued to QCWA members whose age, when added to their number of years as a QCWA member totals 100 or more.
- **Meritorious Award Certificate** is issued by Headquarters upon request of any active QCWA chapter. One such award is authorized for each chapter each year. The award may be given to recognize unusual dedication to QCWA or amateur radio.

OPERATING AWARDS

The Activities Manager issues QCWA Operating Award Certificates to QCWA members. Proof of eligibility is required.

- **QCWA Worked 50 States Awards** are issued to QCWA members who have contacted members in each state of the union.
- **QCWA Worked 100 Members Awards** are issued to QCWA members who have contacted at least 100 QCWA members.
- **QCWA Worked 60 Chapters Awards** are issued to QCWA members who have contacted members of 60 chapters.
- **QCWA Worked 500 Members Awards** are issued to QCWA members who have contacted 500 QCWA members.

OTHER MEMBER SUPPLIES

- Lapel Pins without year tags. Tie tack, safety pin or screw type pins (no year) - \$15.00
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- QCWA Life Member pin: \$8
- QCWA Embroidered emblem: \$5.00
- 450 QCWA Red Stamps (regular): \$4.00
- 450 QCWA Gold Stamps (life): \$3.00
- 400 QCWA Yellow Stamps (50 Year): \$3.00
- QCWA Cap with logo: \$15.00
- QCWA Chapter Banner: \$225.00
- QCWA Decals: \$1.00
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- QCWA Member Badges — (see ad elsewhere)
- QCWA Golf Shirts— (see ad elsewhere)

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